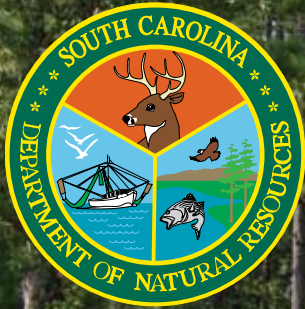


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# What's New for 2008-2009

## **Mourning Dove Bag Limit Increased to 15**

For the 2008-09 mourning dove season, the daily bag limit is increased from 12 birds per day to 15 birds per day. This change is based on extensive analysis and recommendations from dove biologists from eastern states striving for a consistent mourning dove season and bag limit throughout the Eastern Management Unit (EMU). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concurred with the increased bag limit and it is available for the 2008-09 dove season. Prior to this change, states in the EMU had an option of a 12-bird bag limit with a 70-day season or a 15-bird bag limit with a 60-day season. Some states in the EMU had previously selected the 15 bird/60 day option, and others (including SC) had selected 12 birds/70 days.

## **S. 691 Game Zone Conforming & Cleanup Bill -- Act No. 286**

This Act specifically redefines archery equipment to include the crossbow; allows the use of artificial lights for the purpose of observing wildlife by a property owner, lessee, or person with written permission from the property owner prior to 11:00 p.m.; allows the use of remote trail monitors or cameras from fixed locations on a property and permits, with written permission of the landowner or leaseholder of the property, the observing of wildlife with the use of artificial lights by someone who is engaged in research or documentary filming; and allows for the buying and selling of wild rabbit parts and carcasses. This Act also removes the bag limit of 5 antlered deer in Game Zones 4 and 5 and removes DNR's regulatory authority over deer in Game Zones 1 and 2.

## **S. 987 & H. 4764 Boating Bills - Titling & Enforcement**

These Acts, which take effect in January 2009, make numerous changes to the boating laws of South Carolina. Many of the significant changes are as follows: Creates a definition of abandoned boat and makes it a crime to abandon a watercraft or an outboard motor on public lands or waters of the State and also provides for the removal of abandoned watercraft at the expense of the owner; Changes the value of property damage for "reportable accidents" to \$2,000 and requires a reportable boating accident to be reported within 48 hours, or if the accident results in death, loss of consciousness or serious bodily injury it must be reported immediately; Expands the people who can receive a copy of the accident report to include a personal representative or an insurer; Clarifies that a boat or motor located in SC and principally used in this state is subject to SC titling laws (excludes Coast Guard documented vessels); Requires that dealers must show on the Bill of Sale the actual cost of title and registration fees; Increases the time for an application to correct errors on a title or re-title after a cancellation of an assignment from five days to 30 days; Provides that if a person who acquires a watercraft or outboard motor provides proof of an attempt to notify the lien holder for the purpose of satisfying the lien and there is no response within 30 days then the Department can issue a clear title; Makes it a crime to attempt to obtain a Certificate of Title or Registration by fraud or misrepresentation or to display a registration number or decal fraudulently; Greatly simplifies the process by which someone who finds a watercraft or an outboard motor and does not have proper proof of

ownership can acquire title; and Gives 15 additional days for a holder of registration to notify the Department of a change of address.

## **S. 452 Alligator Control Program -- Act No. 179**

**Depredation Program** - This program provides for the issuance of permits to individuals with problem alligators year round. Everyone who takes an alligator under this program is required to have the permit and a harvest tag which must be placed upon the alligator when harvested. This program is designed to quickly address the removal of problem alligators.

**Private Lands Program** - This program was initiated in 1995 to allow private property owners with significant acreage of alligator habitat to selectively remove alligators and has included approximately 15-20 properties each year. The use of firearms for taking swimming or basking alligators is now allowed during daylight hours. Rimfire firearms and shotguns are prohibited in taking unsecured alligators. Unsecured alligators may be taken with firearms only from thirty minutes before sunrise until thirty minutes after sunset. The Private Lands Program season runs Sept. 1-Oct. 15 and a \$10 nonrefundable application fee is required to participate. The application deadline is August 15. There is no cost for the Private Lands Permit. A \$10 fee is required for each alligator tag. All hunt participants are required to have a copy of the permit, a harvest tag and a valid SC Hunting License and are required to report their harvest to DNR. The Private Lands Program allows the harvest of alligators four feet or greater in length and each alligator must be tagged.

**Alligator Hunting Season** - This Act establishes an alligator hunting season within the DNR Alligator Management Program. Applicants are required to apply and pay online and a nonrefundable \$10 application fee is required. The deadline for application is July 15. Hunters will be randomly selected and will then be required to pay \$100 to receive a permit and one tag. Tags will be issued for specific units and hunters will be restricted to those units. Hunters will be allowed to take one alligator which must be tagged immediately with the harvest tag. The applicant must be 16 years of age. The new season will begin on the second Saturday of September and run until the second Saturday of October, which for 2008 is September 13 through October 11. Unsuccessful applicants will accumulate preference points for future alligator hunt drawings. Only alligators four feet or greater in length may be taken. This hunting season does not allow the shooting of unsecured alligators, even on private land. The alligator must be secured using approved equipment and brought boat-side or onto land before it can be dispatched. Hunters are required to report their harvest to the DNR. Others may assist the permitted hunter, but all participants (including permittee) must be licensed South Carolina hunters.

See the SCDNR website for additional information.

## **S. 873 Disability License -- Act No. 263**

This Act gives the recipient the option of a Disability Hunting & Fishing license or a Disability Fishing only license. The Disability Fishing only license is available

for those individuals who cannot comply or desire not to comply with the Hunter Education requirements. All Lifetime Licenses are now available from regional DNR offices. See page 61 for office locations.

## **H. 4547 Migratory Waterfowl Permit -- Act No. 214**

This Act requires the purchase and possession of a State Migratory Waterfowl Permit, and affirms that the electronic endorsement is the single official validation for hunting waterfowl and provides for any purchaser of a permit to receive a commemorative stamp at no cost. South Carolina residents who have attained the age of 64 and hold a statewide lifetime hunting and fishing license are not required to have a state migratory game bird permit.

## **H. 4548 Striped Bass Limits -- Act No. 237**

This Act implements the recommendations of a statewide 40-member stakeholder group which reported its findings to the General Assembly. These recommendations impose a Striped bass systemwide closure to harvest from June 1 - September 30; a creel reduction from 5 fish to 3 fish; and a minimum size limit from 21 inches to 26 inches in the Lower Santee River system and the Cooper River system. Striped bass must be landed with head and tail fin intact.

The 'Lower Santee River system' includes all waters and tributaries seaward of the Lake Murray Dam, the Columbia Canal Diversion Dam, and the Lake Wateree Dam to the freshwater / saltwater dividing line on the North Santee River and the South Santee River. The Cooper River system includes all waters and tributaries, including the Tailrace Canal, of the Cooper River, from its point of origin seaward to the freshwater/saltwater dividing line.

## **H. 4952 Wildlife Fertility Drugs Restrictions -- Act No. 238**

This Act makes it unlawful for any person to introduce a fertility control agent or chemical substance into any wildlife without a permit from the SCDNR. Nothing in this Act prohibits the use of pesticides for the control of commensal rodents per label specifications. A person violating the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than 2,500 dollars or imprisoned not more than two years, or both.

## **H. 3059 Providing False Information to Law Enforcement -- Act No. 191**

This Act makes it unlawful for a person to knowingly make a false complaint to a law enforcement officer concerning the alleged commission of a crime by another, or for a person to knowingly give false information to a rescue squad or fire department concerning the alleged occurrence of a health emergency or fire. It is also unlawful for a person to misrepresent identification to a law enforcement officer during a traffic stop or for the purpose of avoiding arrest or criminal charges. A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than 200 dollars or imprisoned for not more than 30 days.

## **H. 4497 Game fish -- Act No. 227**

This Act removes white perch from the list of game fish in this state.

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# SCDNR Education & Outreach Programs

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### S. 1122 American Indian Artists -- Act No. 300

This Act allows American Indian artists belonging to tribes recognized by (1) Public Law 101-644, the Indian Arts and Crafts Board Act, and (2) the state's Commission on Minority Affairs to use wild turkey feathers in arts and crafts that are offered for sale and sold to the general public if the artist has on his person a tribal identification card demonstrating his authorization pursuant to the Indian Arts and Crafts Board Act. This act does not authorize the sale of other parts of wild turkeys, whether taken lawfully or unlawfully, including, but not limited to, capes, beards, and fans.

### S. 1244 Saltwater Fishing Privileges -- Act No. 268

This Act creates a Lifetime Recreational Saltwater Fishing License and Lifetime Recreational Saltwater Fishing privilege additions to current and future Lifetime Combination License holders. These licenses are now available. Types, fees and an application can be found on page 59. When a lifetime license holder, born after July 1, 1940, reaches age 64, he can apply for the \$9 Senior License to receive additional privileges. All Lifetime Licenses are now available from regional DNR offices. See page 61 for office locations.

## SCDNR Education & Outreach Programs

SCDNR plans and directs education programs for students, teachers and the general public. Several programs have received national and state awards. For information about these programs, contact SCDNR Education Programs, PO Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202, 803-734-3885, or [ed.dnr.sc.gov/](http://ed.dnr.sc.gov/).

## Hunter and Boater Education Classes

To find the class listings and to register for Hunter Education visit [www.dnr.sc.gov/education/hunted.html](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/education/hunted.html).

For Boater Education, visit [www.dnr.sc.gov/education/boated.html](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/education/boated.html).

You can also call our toll free phone number at 1-800-277-4301.

## Boater Education

Boaters under age 16 are required by law to pass an approved boater education course before

operating a personal watercraft (jet ski) or a boat powered by 15 h.p. motor or larger unless accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.

**South Carolina boaters can take a boating safety and education course three ways.**

**1. In a classroom** — Share the learning experience with other boaters and a qualified instructor.

**2. On the internet** — The complete course, including the test, can be viewed or purchased online at [boat-ed.com](http://boat-ed.com) or through a link on the SCDNR home page, [www.dnr.sc.gov/education/boated.html](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/education/boated.html).

**3. By video** — You and your family can take a boater education course in the convenience of your home by purchasing an informative video and instruction manual. To order by phone, call 1-800-460-9698.

For more information on all boating courses, call SCDNR at 1-800-277-4301 or visit [dnr.sc.gov](http://dnr.sc.gov).

If you are under age 21 and plan to go boating in another state, check that state's operator requirements. The SC Basic Boating Course is approved and recognized by all states requiring courses. The boater education certificate is not a boating license.

## Hunter Education

All residents and nonresidents born after June 30, 1979 must successfully complete a hunter education course that is approved by DNR before a hunting license can be obtained. The hunter education certificate is not a hunting license.

DNR encourages all hunters in South Carolina to be knowledgeable about their sport and safety-conscious when in the field handling firearms. For this reason, DNR offers a 10-hour Hunter Education Course which includes classroom instruction and hands-on experience in hunter safety and

hunting techniques. In addition, students learn about hunting ethics, hunter/landowner relations, and basic conservation and wildlife management principles. The course is available to schools, clubs and the general public. A Home Study Course is available by calling 1-800-277-4301 or visit [dnr.sc.gov/education/hunted.html](http://dnr.sc.gov/education/hunted.html).

If you plan to hunt out of state, check with that state to find out if hunter education certification is required. The South Carolina hunter safety course is recognized by all states requiring certification.

## Trapper Education

The Trapper Education Course includes discussions on furbearer biology, history of the fur trade, wildlife management principles, fur harvest regulations and ethical conduct. This is not a "how to trap" course. Qualified instructors with the SC Trappers Association will discuss and demonstrate responsible trapping techniques.

For information, contact the Furbearer Project at 803-734-3609.

## Becoming an Outdoors-Woman

The "BOW" program offers workshops that teach outdoor skills in a relaxed, non-intimidating atmosphere to women ages 18 years and older. More than 20 classes are offered, including: shotgun, rifle, firearms safety; deer, turkey, duck and small game hunting; freshwater, saltwater and fly fishing; bird watching; canoeing; camping; backpacking; backyard habitat... and much more! For information on these workshops, hunts, or other women's activities, contact SCDNR at 803-734-3885 or visit [scbow.dnr.sc.gov](http://scbow.dnr.sc.gov).

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## Bowhunting Education Program

The South Carolina Bowhunters Association (SCBA) is a nonprofit organization working to promote safe and lawful bowhunting education and instruction. Several times a year SCDNR/SCBA conducts these educational classes.

The ultimate goal of the SCDNR/SCBA bowhunter education program is to provide bowhunters with the fundamentals of good safe bowhunting and appreciation and respect for the environment in which they hunt and a desire to maintain the highest standards of the sport.

The bowhunter education course is free to participants. For requirements call 1-800-277-4301.



## SC Reel Kids™

This program sets goals designed to be fun, educational and active for kids and youth up to age 16. SC Reel Kids work toward goals such as catching their first fish, learning about fish, and improving fish habitats. For their efforts, rewards and certificates are awarded in recognition of meeting program goals, providing kids with the incentive to complete either the Junior Master Angler or Youth Master Angler program. Once youth accomplish the Youth Master Angler status, they will also receive their first annual SCDNR fishing license free after their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. For more information, visit [screelkids.dnr.sc.gov](http://screelkids.dnr.sc.gov).



## Eating Fish Caught in SC

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (DNR) believe that fish are a healthy, low-fat source of protein. To make sure that the fish you catch are safe to eat, DHEC tests fish from lakes, rivers and streams throughout South Carolina.

To protect your health, DHEC issues fish consumption advisories in areas where contaminated fish have been found. For more information on the advisories, call DHEC, toll free, at 1-888-849-7241 or go to DHEC's web page at [www.scdhec.gov/fish](http://www.scdhec.gov/fish).

## Take One Make One™

This program is an outdoor education and mentoring program aimed at developing South Carolina's youth and young adults, 12 to 27 years of age, into lifetime participants in conservation, hunting, angling and shooting sports activities. Students are required to complete the SC hunter education safety course and are mentored by an experienced adult for a minimum of one year. There are no registration costs. Presentations, brochures and applications are available by calling 803-734-3995. For more information visit [dnr.sc.gov/education/tomo](http://dnr.sc.gov/education/tomo).



## Archery in the Schools Program

Designed to teach JOAD-style target archery (Junior Olympic Archery Development) in 4th-12th grades. Core content covers archery history, safety, technique, equipment, mental concentration, and self-improvement. Before presenting the two-week archery course, teachers undergo an 8-hour Basic Archery Instructor (BAI) training program.

The South Carolina Archery in the Schools Program is for public and private schools and may be modified to include home school associations. You can learn more about the program by contacting the state coordinator, Sgt. Dennetta Dawson, at 1-800-277-4301, [DawsonD@dnr.sc.gov](mailto:DawsonD@dnr.sc.gov), write to Investigations & Education, P.O. Box 12559, Charleston, SC 29422, or go to [dnr.sc.gov/hunting/archery/](http://dnr.sc.gov/hunting/archery/).



## Property Watch PROGRAM

If you would like to join the Property Watch Program, simply write to DNR Law Enforcement Division at P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202, Attention: Property Watch Program.

For more information about the program, call 803-734-4002 or go to [www.dnr.sc.gov/law/PropWatch.html](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/law/PropWatch.html).

## Scholastic Clay Target Program

The Scholastic Clay Target Program provides school-age participants in grades 12 and under with the opportunity to showcase their competitive shooting skills and earn state and national recognition. The program is designed to instill in participants safe firearms handling, commitment, responsibility, leadership and teamwork. For more information visit [ed.dnr.sc.gov/](http://ed.dnr.sc.gov/).

## Get the Facts Before You Buy

Before buying a previously owned watercraft or outboard motor titled in South Carolina, check the status. Visit [dnr.sc.gov/boating/](http://dnr.sc.gov/boating/). The most current information provided to DNR is available on this site to the public free of charge. Users only need the SC registration number or hull identification number for watercraft and the serial number for outboard motors. Potential buyers are alerted to outstanding liens, unpaid taxes, or status problems that need to be addressed before making a purchase. Don't be a victim of unexpected costs.

## National Hunting & Fishing Day

SCDNR and the S.C. Wildlife Federation host an annual event that offers "hands-on" outdoor learning opportunities for every age. Its focus is introducing newcomers to South Carolina's hunting and fishing traditions, as well as rekindling interest of existing hunters and anglers. South Carolina's National Hunting and Fishing Day celebration is free of charge and open to the public on Saturday, October 4th from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at two locations: SCDNR's Cohen Campbell Fish Hatchery, 1529 Fish Hatchery Rd., West Columbia and Duke Energy World of Energy, 7812 Rochester Hwy., Seneca, S.C. 29672. For more information, contact SCDNR at 803-734-0256.

## Camp Wildwood

Camp Wildwood is a fun filled week where students experience many aspects of their natural environment. It is a place to discover that we are part of nature and everything we do in some way affects the natural balance. At Camp Wildwood, students acquire the knowledge and appreciation needed for the protection and wise use of our natural resources.

Camp Wildwood is for 9th through 12th grade students and is in session for one week in June. Contact your local Garden Club, Wildlife Federation or the Department of Natural Resources for more information, or visit the Camp Wildwood web site at [wildwoodfamily.com](http://wildwoodfamily.com).

# Invasive Aquatic Plants and Animals

Placement or introduction of some aquatic plants and animals into South Carolina waters is environmentally unsafe. Some non-native species rapidly reproduce and harm waterways and native aquatic life.

Preventing the introduction and spread of non-native, invasive species is the responsibility of all outdoor enthusiasts. Residents and visitors should be familiar with state and federal laws and regulations on possession, movement, and introduction of non-native plants and wildlife before introducing any living material into South Carolina waters. Any intentional or unintentional introduction may be a violation of law.

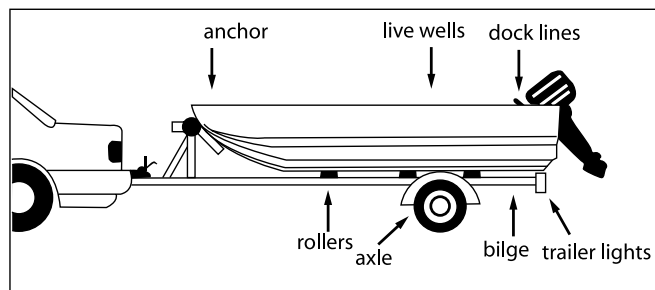
Other than for research or under a permit, it is not lawful to possess, sell, or place into any waters many water plants including hydrilla, water hyacinth, water lettuce, giant Salvinia, and any other plant on the state or Federal Noxious Weed List. Without a permit it is unlawful to introduce, import, possess, or transport for release any species of marine or freshwater fish or invertebrate not already found in the wild or not native to South Carolina. Exemptions are allowed for possession for exhibition purposes only by municipal zoos or parks, circuses, public museums and scientific or educational institutions.

SCDNR will not grant a permit unless it finds that the aquatic species was taken lawfully in the jurisdiction of origin and that the importation, release, or possession of the plant or animal is not reasonably expected to adversely impact South Carolina natural resources or wildlife populations.

SCDNR may issue special import permits to qualified persons for research and education for specific types of non-indigenous freshwater fish, otherwise they are prohibited for possession or sale. Examples include certain catfish, electric eel,

## Where to Look for Aquatic Hitchhikers on Boats

Regular cleaning of your boat, motor, and trailer before and after using all South Carolina waters can greatly reduce the spread of aquatic nuisance species. It takes just a minute to protect our waterways.



### When you leave a body of water:

- Remove any visible mud, plants, fish or animals before transporting equipment.
- Eliminate water from equipment before transporting.
- Clean and dry anything that comes into contact with water (boats, trailers, equipment, clothing, dogs, etc.).
- Never release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of the body of water.
- Report aquatic weed problems in public waters to the Aquatic Nuisance Species Program, SCDNR, 803-755-2872, [invasiveweeds@dnr.sc.gov](mailto:invasiveweeds@dnr.sc.gov)

walking catfish, piranha, stickleback, Mexican banded tetra, sea lamprey, and snakehead. Stocking and removal of non-reproducing white amur or grass carp hybrids are lawful, but only when approved by SCDNR. The importation of tropical fish, reptiles, or amphibians for sale as pets generally does not require a permit. However, the importation or possession of a protected species is prohibited unless a permit is issued.

Because of shellfish disease introduction, it is unlawful to place oysters, clams, or mussels brought from other states into the state's saltwaters. Even open shells may have non-native animals attached or harbor diseases that will affect native shellfish. Shellfish growers may be permitted to import shellfish from safe waters.

For more information:

**Website** - [dnr.sc.gov/water/envaff/aquatic/](http://dnr.sc.gov/water/envaff/aquatic/)

**Email** - [invasiveweeds@dnr.sc.gov](mailto:invasiveweeds@dnr.sc.gov)

**Phone** - Aquatic Plants 803-755-2872

Freshwater 803-734-3808

Saltwaters 843-953-9062

Shellfish Recycling 843-953-9300

## Aquatic Invasive Species of Primary Concern

- Aquatic Plants: hydrilla, water hyacinth, water lettuce, giant salvinia, phragmites
- Invertebrates: Green Mussels, Zebra Mussels (Not here yet)
- Fish: flathead catfish, spotted bass, Asian carp, lionfish

## Aquatic Invasive Species Introduction Concerns

- Aquarium pets
- Ornamental pond plants
- Invasive bait fish and crayfish
- Invasive aquaculture species
- Marine fish, shellfish, shrimp, pathogens and diseases
- Ballast water discharge



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## Don't Give Invasive Species A Free Ride

Don't Transfer Fish Between Water Bodies

Dispose of Bait Properly

Dispose of Shrimp Parts Properly

Recycle Used Oyster Shells

Don't Release Aquarium Animals

Clean Boats and Equipment

# Hunting & Fishing License Information

[dnr.sc.gov/licensing](http://dnr.sc.gov/licensing)

## Required of All Applicants

**Identification** – Applicants for all SC hunting and fishing privileges must present a state issued identification card at the time of application. This card should be in your possession when hunting or fishing.

**Social Security Number** – The disclosure of your social security number is required to obtain SC hunting and fishing licenses. This complies with SC Code 20-7-949 and Federal law 42 USCA 666(a)(13) which requires a licensing agency to provide this information to the Child Support Enforcement unit of the Department of Social Services to establish, modify, and enforce child support orders.

**Resident** – for recreational privileges is a person who is a domiciled (permanent) resident of South Carolina for 30 consecutive days, or more immediately prior to the date of his application for privileges. Proof of residency is required to obtain a privilege.

**Nonresidents** – are persons not able to prove SC residency and those residing outside of the state.

**Military personnel and their dependents stationed in SC** – for sixty days or longer or who are domiciled in this state, are eligible for resident privileges. Valid military identification must be presented when applying.

**Military personnel who are residents** – of SC stationed outside of the state, and home on leave, shall upon presentation of official furlough or leave papers, be allowed to fish or hunt throughout the state without purchasing a hunting, freshwater fishing or saltwater fishing license. Permits are required to hunt big game, migratory birds, migratory waterfowl and hunt on WMA lands. Tags are required to hunt antlerless deer, and turkey or use non-game fish devices.

**Students** – enrolled full time in a SC educational institution are eligible for resident privileges. A valid student ID must be presented when applying for privileges.

**Borrowing**, lending, exchanging, altering or purchasing by fraud DNR privileges is unlawful and suspends hunting and fishing privileges for one year.

**Duplicate Licenses** – are issued upon affidavit from the licensee that the original license was lost or destroyed and payment of the \$3.00 fee. Duplicates are available at any DNR office and some electronic license sales agents. Duplicates for tags are issued only through DNR offices. No duplicates are issued for federal duck stamps. A new stamp must be purchased.

**License in Possession** – All licenses, permits, stamps and tags must be in possession of privilege holder while engaging in activities for which privilege documents were issued. Identification indicating name and address must also be in possession of privilege holder.

Persons hunting on their own lands are required to have all applicable licenses, permits, stamps or tags in their possession.

**License Year** – The license year begins July 1, 2008 and ends June 30, 2009. Regardless of the date sold, annual licenses expire June 30, 2009.

**Special tags** – All age groups are required to obtain and possess special tags when engaged in the following activities: hunting antlerless deer, and turkey, using non-game fish devices or taking shrimp over bait.

**Suspended Licenses** – It is unlawful for persons whose privileges are suspended to apply for, hold, or use DNR licenses, permits, or tags.

## Where to Buy Hunting & Fishing Privileges:

- 700 license agents throughout the state, see web site for a listing by county.
- Internet – [dnr.sc.gov](http://dnr.sc.gov) and select BUY.
- Toll Free 1-866-714-3611, available 24-hours, 7 days a week.
- DNR offices in Charleston, Clemson, Columbia and Florence. Office hours 8:30 a.m. -5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Youth Requirements** – No child under 16 years of age is required to obtain a hunting or fishing license unless that child engages in the taking of game or fish for commercial purposes or possesses any non-game fish devices.

**Freshwater Fishing License** – is not required when fishing in a privately owned pond. A license is required when fishing in commercial pay ponds, unless the pond is permitted by DNR.

**Georgia & South Carolina Reciprocal License Agreement** – All channels of the Savannah River, from its mouth to the confluence of the Tugaloo and the Seneca rivers; and the Chattooga River to the boundary line between Georgia and North Carolina are included in an agreement between Georgia and South Carolina to use valid freshwater sportfishing licenses and permits that have been issued by either state.

This agreement also applies to the following impoundments: Thurmond, Russell, Hartwell, Yonah, Tugaloo, Stevens Creek, and the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam, but not to any tributary streams to those impoundments nor tributary streams to the Savannah, Tugaloo, and Chattooga rivers.

All persons holding a valid license from Georgia or South Carolina will be allowed to fish in the waters covered by this agreement.

**NOTE:** Contact Georgia DNR Wildlife Resources Division at 770-918-6406 for information on Georgia size and catch limits or visit [www.georgiawildlife.org](http://www.georgiawildlife.org).

**Saltwater Fishing License** – is required when fishing for marine finfish from privately owned boats when transporting catch in privately owned boats or when harvesting oysters and clams. See also pages 23-27.

**Hunting** – is defined as trying to find, seek, obtain, pursue or diligently search for game.

**Hunter Education Requirements** – All residents and non-residents, born after June 30, 1979, must successfully complete a SCDNR approved hunter education course and present the certificate of completion before a hunting license can be purchased.

A hunter education card alone is not a valid hunting license. For more information on hunter education, call 803-734-3995 or 1-800-277-4301.

## Special Note for Disability, Gratis and Senior License Holders

Before hunting migratory waterfowl (ducks, geese, brants) you must obtain and possess a current Federal Duck Stamp for \$15.

Your license includes the State Migratory Waterfowl Permit (formerly State Duck Stamp) and you do not need to purchase this privilege again.

**Disability Licenses** – are only available to SC residents. A person who has been a domiciled (permanent) resident of South Carolina for one year or more, immediately prior to his date of application and who is certified to be totally disabled may apply for a 3 Year Disability License or a 3 Year Disability Fishing License. See page 60 for additional information and an application.

**Gratis Licenses** – are only available to SC residents. A person who has been a domiciled (permanent) resident of South Carolina for 180 consecutive days or more, immediately prior to his application and born on or before July 1, 1940 may apply for a gratis license.

**Senior Licenses** – are only available to SC residents. A person who has been a domiciled (permanent) resident of South Carolina for 180 consecutive days or more, immediately prior to his application, born after July 1, 1940 and reached the age of 64, may apply for a senior license. The cost is \$9.

**Lifetime Licenses** – are only available to SC residents. A person who has been a domiciled (permanent) resident of South Carolina for 180 consecutive days or more, immediately prior to his application may apply for Lifetime licenses. A photocopy of the applicant's South Carolina driver's license must accompany the application. Non-resident lifetime licenses are not available. All lifetime licenses remain valid for the privileges issued if the holder moves out of state. However, if the licensee applies for privileges not covered by the lifetime license, and no longer meets the requirement for a resident, he must purchase the additional licenses as a non-resident. See page 59 for Lifetime license types, fees and an application.



## South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Privilege Fees — July 1, 2008- June 30, 2009

Duration	Privilege Type	Residents	Non Residents	Notes and Prerequisites (see also page 11)
<b>Fishing Privileges</b>				
Annual	Freshwater Fishing License	\$10.00	\$35.00	See pages 11, 17-18 for more information
7-Day	Freshwater Fishing License	n/a	\$11.00	Valid 7 consecutive days, see pages 11, 17-18 for more information
14-Day	Freshwater Fishing License	\$5.00	n/a	Valid 14 consecutive days, see pages 11, 17-18 for more information
Annual	Lakes & Reservoirs Permit	3.00	n/a	Permit to fish freshwater using nonmanufactured tackle or natural bait only in Lakes Ashwood, Greenwood, Jocassee, Keowee-Toxaway, Marion, Moultrie, Murray, Richard B. Russell and Wiley or the Hartwell, Monticello or Parr Reservoirs or on portions of the Catawba, Savannah and Wateree Rivers. (Specific information is available at <a href="http://dnr.sc.gov/licensing">dnr.sc.gov/licensing</a> or contact the appropriate regional office on page 61.)
Annual	Saltwater Fishing License	\$10.00	\$35.00	See pages 11, 23-27 for more information
14-Day	Saltwater Fishing License	\$5.00	\$11.00	Valid 14 consecutive days, see pages 11, 23-27 for more information
Annual	Shrimp Baiting License & Tags	\$25.00	\$500.00	Season dates apply, see pages 11, 27 for application
<b>Non-Game Freshwater Fishing Privileges - See pages 19-21 for device specific information</b>				
Annual	Jug Permit	\$5.00	\$50.00	for 3-50 Jugs, 1 per licensee
Annual	Set Hook Permit	\$5.00	\$50.00	for 3-50 Hooks, 1 per licensee
Annual	Eel Pot Tag	\$5.00	\$50.00	Maximum 2 per recreational angler
Annual	Gill Net Tag	\$5.00	\$50.00	Maximum 5 per recreational angler w/ 30 ft nets
Annual	Hoop Net Tag	\$10.00	\$50.00	Maximum 1 per recreational angler
Annual	Trap Tag	\$5.00	\$50.00	Maximum 2 per recreational angler
Annual	Trotline Tag	\$2.50	\$50.00	Maximum 3 per recreational angler w/ maximum 150 hooks
Annual	Commercial Freshwater License	\$50.00	\$1,000.00	Limits apply in certain bodies of water
<b>Freshwater Fishing &amp; Hunting Combination Privileges</b>				
Annual	Combination License	\$25.00	n/a	State Hunting, Big Game Permit and Freshwater Fishing
Annual	Jr Sportsman License	\$16.00	n/a	State Hunting, Big Game Permit, WMA Permit and Freshwater Fishing for applicants age 16-17 only
Annual	Sportsman License	\$50.00	n/a	State Hunting, Big Game Permit, WMA Permit and Freshwater Fishing
<b>Hunting Privileges - See pages 30-56 for new Game Zones and more information</b>				
Annual	State Hunting License	\$12.00	\$125.00	Valid for small game only
Annual	County Hunting License	\$5.00	n/a	Valid for small game only; valid only in the hunter's county of residence
3-Day	State Hunting License	n/a	\$40.00	Valid 3 consecutive days; valid for small game only
10-Day	State Hunting License	n/a	\$75.00	Valid 10 consecutive days; valid for small game only
Annual	Big Game Permit	\$6.00	\$100.00	Hunting License required to hunt Bear, Deer and Turkey
Annual	Wildlife Management Area Permit	\$30.50	\$76.00	Hunting License required for WMA Lands
Annual	Shooting Preserve License	8.50		For hunting specified released species only on licensed shooting preserves
Annual	Wild Turkey Transportation Tags	No Cost		Hunting License and Big Game Permit, season dates apply
Annual	Migratory Bird Permit (HIP)	No Cost		Hunting License, season dates apply
Annual	Migratory Waterfowl Permit (formerly State Duck Stamp)	\$5.50		Hunting License, Migratory Bird Permit, Federal Duck Stamp, season dates apply
Annual	Federal Duck Stamp	\$15.00		Hunting License, Migratory Bird Permit, Migratory Waterfowl Permit, season dates apply. Available at select US Post Offices by phone at 1-800-STAMP-24 (1-800-782-6724), online at <a href="http://www.fws.gov/duckstamps">www.fws.gov/duckstamps</a> and DNR offices.
Annual	Individual Antlerless Deer Tags	\$5.00 ea		Maximum 4 tags per hunter, season dates apply, see page 53 for application
Annual	Commercial Fur Harvest License	\$25.00	\$200.00	Required for trapping or hunting furbearers for sale or trade. Required to possess 6 or more furbearers or their pelts.
<b>Miscellaneous Privileges</b>				
Annual	Bird Dog Training License	\$50.00	n/a	Contact: SCDNR Small Game Project PO Box 167 Columbia, SC 29202
Annual	Commercial Quail Breeder's License	\$5.00	n/a	To engage in the propagation of pen-raised quail for commercial purposes
<b>Lifetime Privileges - See page 59 for more information and Application</b>				
New Lifetime Saltwater Privileges are now available. For complete information visit <a href="http://dnr.sc.gov/licensing">dnr.sc.gov/licensing</a> .				
Lifetime license types, fees and application are available on page 59.				



# Point & Suspension Systems for Natural Resource Violations

[dnr.sc.gov/regs/points.html](http://dnr.sc.gov/regs/points.html)

South Carolina law has established suspension systems based upon the accumulation of points assessed for convictions of natural resource laws.

The Game and Fish Point System applies to violations inland of the saltwater/freshwater dividing line and if suspended under this system, a person cannot hunt, fish, gather, trap, land, or pursue game, fish, crustaceans, or shellfish in the State (including coastal waters out to the three mile limit).

The Saltwater Point System applies to violations within the coastal waters of the State. The point categories for assessments are recreational and commercial. Points are assessed according to the appropriate category. Upon accumulation of 18 or more points in the recreational or commercial categories, a person's privileges to fish, gather, land, attempt to take, or possess fish, shellfish, or crustaceans within the coastal waters for the purposes of the affected category, either recreational or commercial, will be suspended. Suspensions under the Saltwater Point System do not affect inland freshwater fishing privileges except for shad, herring, and sturgeon which are regulated by coastal laws inland of the saltwater/freshwater dividing line.

Each time a person is convicted of a violation listed in the point systems, the Department must assess the points against the person's record. Half of the points on record are reduced for each full year in which the person receives no points. The Department of Natural Resources must suspend the privileges of any person who has accumulated eighteen (18) or more points.

In addition to these point suspensions, South Carolina law also contains mandatory suspensions for convictions of specific violations of the law. These suspensions are called "Statutory Suspensions." See Table C for some specific examples of statutory suspensions.

## Note:

- *A violation of natural resources law while under suspension may result in additional suspensions of one year to five years.*
- *The purchase or procurement of a license, permit, stamp, or tag allowing suspended privileges while under suspension is a fraudulent purchase and is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$1,025.00 and an additional one year suspension of hunting and fishing privileges.*
- *Failure to pay fines, restitution, may result in suspension of privileges.*

## Table A: Game & Fish Points

1. Resisting arrest by force, violence, or weapons against the person of any law enforcement officer enforcing natural resource laws . . . . . 18

2. Attempting escape after arrest . . . . . 14
3. Hunting or fishing in a state sanctuary . . . . . 14
4. Hunting, fishing, or trapping out of season . . . . . 10
5. Unlawful selling of game or game fish 14
6. Using a borrowed or altered hunting or fishing license, permit, stamp, or tag . . . . . 10
7. Taking more than the legal limit of game or fish (except striped bass) . . . . 8
8. Hunting or fishing without a proper license, permit, stamp, or tag . . . . . 6
9. Trespassing to hunt, fish, or trap . . . 10
10. Violating Wildlife Management Area regulations . . . . . 8
11. Unlawful hunting, taking, possessing, or selling alligators . . . . . 14
12. Killing or attempting to kill or molest deer from a motorboat . . . . . 14
13. Night hunting deer or bear . . . . . 18
14. Unlawful transportation of furs or hides and possession of untagged hides . . . . . 10
15. Trapping quail or turkeys . . . . . 10
16. Unlawful hunting over bait . . . . . 8
17. Unlawful killing or possession of antlerless deer . . . . . 14
18. Unlawful night hunting other game, except deer or bear, or hunting during prohibited or after hours . . . . 8
19. Unlawful possession of buckshot . . . . 5
20. Hunting migratory birds with an unplugged gun . . . . . 4
21. Killing or possession of wild turkey during the closed season . . . . . 18
22. Killing or possession of a hen turkey during the spring gobbler season . . . 14
23. Roost shooting turkey between one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise . . . . . 18
24. Shooting (game taken) turkey over bait . . . . . 18
25. Hunting turkey over bait (no game taken) . . . . . 10
26. Trespassing to hunt waterfowl . . . . . 18
27. Hunting waterfowl over bait . . . . . 10
28. Shooting (game taken) waterfowl over bait . . . . . 10
29. Hunting waterfowl out of season . . . 15
30. Taking or possession of more than one waterfowl over the legal limit . . . 15
31. Unlawful possession, taking, or attempting to take raccoons during the season for hunting without firearms . . . . . 14
32. Trapping, netting, or seining game fish unlawfully . . . . . 10
33. Taking game or fish in any illegal

manner not specifically mentioned elsewhere in the point systems . . . . . 8

34. Taking or possessing an undersized striped bass . . . . . 14
35. Taking or possessing more than the legal limit of striped bass . . . . . 14

NOTE: Some examples of Item 33 are:

- a. Taking game while in possession of lead shot while hunting for waterfowl;
- b. Taking fish with too many devices;
- c. Killing birds of prey (Hawks, Kites, Vultures, Kestrels, Owls, or Falcons);
- d. Killing/possession of nongame birds;
- e. Taking fish while violating specific freshwater nongame fishing laws such as illegal bait on trotlines or set hooks;
- f. Taking game while jump shooting waterfowl or rails;
- g. Taking game while violating specific trapping laws such as unlawful traps.

Other less common examples are, but are not limited to, taking game while unlawfully hunting with an electronic call, killing a turkey with a rifle. The application of item 33 is very broad and examples are given for clarification.

Item 33 applies to unlawfully taking game or fish in a way that is not specifically addressed by the Game and Fish Point System.

## Table B: Saltwater Points

Saltwater points are assessed in two categories: Recreational and Commercial. Upon an accumulation of eighteen (18) or more points in a category, the privileges of that category will be suspended for one year. While under Recreational Suspension, a person found guilty of a commercial saltwater violation will have all saltwater privileges suspended for one year. While under Commercial Suspension, a person found guilty of a recreational violation will have all saltwater privileges suspended for one year.

1. Failing to keep records or make reports as required by law, permit or regulation . . . . . 4
2. Violations of law pertaining to crab size limit or sponge crabs . . . . . 4
3. Violations of a section of Title 50 pertaining to saltwater fisheries not mentioned specifically in this section. . 6 (NOTE: This point assessment applies to all other convictions that *are not* specifically mentioned herein. Any conviction for a violation of a saltwater fisheries law will be assessed a minimum of 6 points).
4. Taking, attempting to take, or possessing fish, shellfish or crustaceans in an unlawful manner, in unlawful or

closed areas, during unlawful hours, or during the closed season except trawling violations . . . . .	8
5. Selling or offering for sale fish, shellfish, crustaceans, or other seafood or marine products without a proper license, permit, stamp, or tag . . . . .	8
6. Unlawfully buying fish, shellfish, crustaceans or other seafood or marine products without a proper license, permit, stamp or tag . . . . .	8
7. Trawling inside the General Trawling Zone other than in restricted areas:	
(a) more than one quarter nautical mile during the closed season . . . . .	10
(b) more than one quarter nautical mile at a time more than ten minutes before daily opening or ten minutes after daily closing times during the open season . . . . .	10
8. Trawling in a restricted area during the closed season . . . . .	10
9. Trawling outside the General Trawling Zone:	
(a) one hundred yards or less distance from the nearest point of the General Trawling Zone during the open season . . . . .	10
(b) more than one hundred yards distance from the nearest point of the General Trawling Zone during the open season . . . . .	18
(c) during the closed season . . . . .	18
10. Taking or attempting to take fish, shellfish or crustaceans for a commercial purpose without a proper license, permit, stamp or tag . . . . .	10
11. Captain or crew of a boat failing to cooperate with an enforcement officer . . . . .	18
12. Channel netting in an area closed to channel netting or during closed season for channel netting . . . . .	18
13. Applying for or obtaining any resident license as provided in this chapter using a falsified application or supporting documentation, or simultaneously possessing any current, valid South Carolina resident license as provided in this chapter while possessing any resident license from another state . .	18

*Note:*  
*\*\*\*It is unlawful for a person whose commercial*

*privileges are suspended under this chapter to be on board any vessel while the vessel is being utilized to take or attempt to take saltwater fish for commercial purposes\*\*\**

## Point System Suspensions and Appeals

Point system suspensions begin eleven (11) days after notice to the individual. A person who has been notified of a suspension may appeal the suspension to the Administrative Law Court. The request for appeals must be in writing and postmarked within ten (10) days of notification of the suspension. The appeal is limited to the accuracy of the points assessed and the identity of the violator. The Administrative Law Court cannot override a conviction and cannot allow a reduction of points unless the points are in error. To appeal a point suspension, write the S.C. Department of Natural Resources, Records and Intelligence Section, Law Enforcement Division, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, S.C., 29202 or call 803-734-4002.

## Table C: Statutory Suspensions

Many laws pertaining to natural resources and boating contain mandatory suspensions. These suspensions start upon conviction and run for specified times according to law. These suspensions will affect privileges and may affect licenses, permits, stamps, tags or registrations. Examples of violations for which suspensions are mandated include, but are not limited to:

- A. Hunting from a public road . . . 1 year;
- B. Unlawfully taking a wild turkey .1 year;
- C. Conspiracy to violate natural resource laws . . . . . 1 year;
- D. Obtaining a license, permit, stamp, or tag by fraud . . . . . 1 year;
- E. Altering, post dating, borrowing, or lending a license, permit, stamp, or tag . . . . . 1 year;
- F. Criminal, negligent use of a firearm . . . . . 1 to 5 years;
- G. Boating under the influence . . . . . 6 months to 5 years;
- H. Trawling violations . . . . . 1 year;
- I. Killing a Bald Eagle . . . . . 5 years;
- J. Failure to pay fines or restitution . . . . . suspended until payment is received;

- K. Third (3) offense negligent operation of a watercraft. . . . 6 months;
- L. Bear violations . . . . . 3 years;
- M. Impeding the right to hunt, fish, or trap . . . . . 1 year;

The above listed violations are examples of statutory suspensions. Other statutory suspensions exist with time periods ranging from 10 days to ten years for certain violations and certain privileges.

## Suspension Violations

Persons convicted of hunting or fishing while under suspension will have an additional three (3) to five (5) years added to the original suspension date. In addition, some suspension violations require mandatory jail terms and may affect the right to own or be in possession of a firearm. Persons whose privileges are suspended are not eligible to hold licenses, permits, stamps, or tags. Purchase or procurement of licenses, permits, stamps, or tags while under suspension is a fraudulent purchase and is punishable by a fine up to \$1,025.00 and an additional one year suspension. To find out more information on suspensions, contact the S.C. Department of Natural Resources, Records and Intelligence Section, Law Enforcement Division, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, S.C. 29202 or call 803-734-3640 or 803-734-4048.

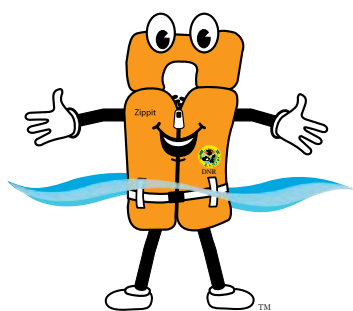
## Angler Ethics

Responsible anglers, who respect our fishery resources, comply with ethical principles when afield because they know their actions will contribute to a more pleasurable fishing experience for themselves and fellow anglers. Anglers who respect our fishery resources:

- 1. Follow all fishing and boating regulations.
- 2. Limit the number of fish they kill to those to be eaten or mounted and never keep fish just to show off.
- 3. Practice Catch and Release.
- 4. Properly dispose of litter, garbage and fish remains in public trash containers or at their homes.
- 5. Respect the rights of fellow anglers by keeping a reasonable distance from other boats and other anglers.
- 6. Minimize time at ramps to allow fellow boaters equal access.
- 7. Fish on private property only when they have permission from the landowner.
- 8. Behave in a safe, courteous manner.

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## All Boats

In South Carolina, vessels may not be operated in excess of idle speed within 50 feet of an anchored vessel, wharf, pier, dock, or a person in the water. Vessels may not operate in excess of idle speed within 100 yards of the Atlantic coastline. (Sec. 50-21-870)

## Equipment

**Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs)** - All boats must have a U.S. Coast Guard approved wearable type PFD for each person on board or being towed. Each PFD must be in good condition, readily available and the proper size for the intended wearer. In addition, boats 16 feet in length or longer must carry a Type IV throwable device. In South Carolina, any person under twelve years of age must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III, or V PFD when on board a class "A" (less than 16 ft. long) boat.

**Fire Extinguisher** - One Coast Guard approved hand-held portable fire extinguisher must be aboard each boat less than 26 ft. if the boat is carrying passengers for hire or if the construction permits the entrapment of flammable vapors or if it has a permanently installed gas tank, including gas tanks that use any type of fastener that would hamper the immediate removal of the tank from the boat. Additional extinguishers are required in boats larger than 26ft. Contact SCDNR for complete regulations.

**Navigation Lights** must be on between official sunset and sunrise.

**Flares** are required for vessels in coastal waters.

**Bells, Whistle** - All boats less than 39.4 feet must carry an efficient sound producing device. Every vessel from 39.4 to 65.6 feet must carry a whistle and a bell.

## Personal Watercraft

In South Carolina, each person on a personal watercraft must wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved Type I, II, III or V PFD.

A personal watercraft may not be operated between sunset and sunrise and must be equipped with a self-circling or lanyard-type engine cutoff switch.

When operating a personal watercraft, one may not operate in a manner so as to leave the water completely while crossing (jumping) the wake of another vessel within 200 feet of the vessel creating the wake.

## Marine Events

A permit is required for any boat race or tournament. For permits or information on these and other marine events, contact: Marine Law Enforcement, P.O. Box 12559, Charleston, SC 29422, 843-953-9302.

## Minimum Age of Operators

In South Carolina, boat operators under age 16 must complete a boating course approved by the SCDNR to operate a boat or personal watercraft with a 15 h.p. motor or greater, unless accompanied by an adult age eighteen years or older.

### Watercraft and Outboard Motor Titling and Registration Fees

	Current	Effective Dec. 16, 2008
New SC Watercraft Registration & Title	\$40.00	No Change
SC Watercraft or Outboard Motor Title	\$10.00	No Change
Renew 3 Year SC Watercraft Registration	\$30.00	No Change
Transfer SC Watercraft Registration & Title	\$16.00	No Change
Duplicate Watercraft/Outboard Motor Title	\$5.00	No Change
Duplicate Watercraft Registration Card	\$1.00	\$5.00
Duplicate Watercraft/Outboard Motor Decal	\$1.00	\$5.00
Late Fee (31-60 days)	\$15.00	No Change
Late Fee (61 or more days)	\$15.00	\$30.00

### Important for Watercraft/Outboard Motor Owners to Notify SCDNR When...

Change of Address	15 days	30 Days
Change of Ownership (Sale, disposal, etc)	15 days	30 Days
Report Stolen Watercraft/Outboard Motor	Immediately	No Change

## Reporting Boating Accidents

The operator of every vessel involved in a boating accident shall report to the DNR whenever the accident results in loss of life, loss of consciousness, medical treatment or disability in excess of 24 hours, or property damage. For more information, call 843-953-9302.

## Restrictions

**Airboats** are prohibited on public waters of this state from the freshwater-saltwater dividing line seaward, and on that portion of Lake Marion and Santee Swamp west of the I-95 bridge upstream, to the confluence of the Congaree and Wateree rivers during the season for hunting waterfowl.

## Boating Education and Information

For boating class schedules or additional information on subjects covered in this section, see page 9 or contact: SCDNR, Boating Safety & Education, P.O. Box 12559, Charleston, SC 29422, 843-953-9302, in Columbia call 803-734-3995, statewide 800-277-4301 or visit [dnr.sc.gov/education.html](http://dnr.sc.gov/education.html).



**Property Taxes** - The bill of sale or title to any watercraft or outboard motor shall require certification that personal property taxes have been paid by the titled owner as of the date of sale. Check the status of South Carolina titled watercraft and outboard motors at [dnr.sc.gov/boating](http://dnr.sc.gov/boating) under "SC Boat Facts" before you buy.

**Registration** - Watercraft propelled by any mechanized means must be registered in addition to being titled in the owner's name.

**Stolen Watercraft/Outboard Motors** - The owner of a watercraft or outboard motor which has been stolen should immediately contact SCDNR Marine Investigations at 803-734-3856 to receive a Theft Report form. Forms can also be found at [dnr.sc.gov/boating](http://dnr.sc.gov/boating) in the Forms section

**Titling** - Titles are valid until the watercraft or outboard motor is sold, traded or exchanged. The seller of used watercraft or outboard motors in South Carolina must produce a South Carolina Certificate of Title in his/her name at the time of sale. All **sailboats** must be titled. All **outboard motors** 5 horsepower and greater must be titled. All **watercraft** must be titled except: documented vessels, windsurfers, and those propelled by human power with oars, paddles or similar devices.

**Mailing Address** - SCDNR Watercraft Section, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202-0167.

### Vessel Sewage Regulations

It is illegal:

- To have a toilet installed aboard your boat without a marine sanitation device.
- For any boat used for habitation moored at a private dock to discharge raw or treated sewage.
- For houseboats to discharge treated or raw sewage in freshwater.
- For any vessel to discharge in a No Discharge Zone.

#### Designated No Discharge Zones

- Broad Creek (Hilton Head Island)
- Lake Hartwell
- Lake Murray
- Lake Wylie
- Lake Keowee
- Lake Thurmond

### What Can You Do?

To prevent the possible dangers that sewage can cause to humans and the environment, boaters should: use portable toilets, utilize onshore or floating restrooms, or have a Marine Sanitation Device installed on board and use a pumpout at a local marina.

For more information, contact Scott Meister at [SC-CVA@dnr.sc.gov](mailto:SC-CVA@dnr.sc.gov), 843-953-6686 or visit [dnr.sc.gov/cleanvessel/](http://dnr.sc.gov/cleanvessel/).



## Regulations

### Methods and Devices

- Game fish may be caught with only hook and line, fly rod, casting rod, pole and line or hand line. Not more than 2 of these devices may be used by any fisherman at the same time, except when fishing in a boat. An unlimited number of lawful fishing devices may be used if every boat occupant (who would normally be required to have a fishing license) possesses a valid fishing license.

- Bows and arrows for taking nongame fish only and cast nets for catching nongame bait fish may be in possession while fishing for game fish. Possession of cast nets is prohibited in Game Zone 1 except on Lake Keowee, Hartwell and Twelve Mile Creek.

- Game fish may be used as bait to catch fish but must be included in daily bag limit.

**Seasons** - No closed freshwater game fish season except in the following areas:

- All watercraft and fishing are prohibited Nov. 1 through Feb. 28 on Cantey Bay, Black Bottom and Savannah Branch in Lake Marion.

- Portions of Howard, Corbin and Devil's Fork Creeks in Oconee County are closed to fishing from Nov. 1--Mar. 30, and a portion of Thompson River in Oconee County is closed to fishing from Nov. 1--Mar. 30. Closed sections will be marked with signs.

- Hatchery WMA on Lake Moultrie is closed to fishing each Sat. until 12:00 noon and all day the last Sat. of the waterfowl season.

#### Prohibited Practices

- Game or nongame fish may not be attracted or taken by explosives, electrical devices, poison or similar means.

### Selling and Importing

- No freshwater game fish may be sold in this state except: 1) DNR permitted aquaculturist. 2) DNR wholesale aquaculture license. 3) DNR aquaculture game fish retail license. 4) Private pond owner selling less than \$2,500 in product annually.

- It is illegal to possess, import or sell any fish species that is not native to SC waters without a SCDNR permit.

- Sterile grass carp must be sold, purchased or possessed by SCDNR permitted vendors only.

## Game Fish

- A total of 40 game fish may be kept in any one day. This total shall not exceed more than the limits or exceptions listed below.

- Special limits and regulations apply to DNR managed lakes. See chart on page 18.

- Check with State Parks, City Reservoirs or County Parks for special limits and regulations that apply to those areas.

### Blue Catfish

No more than one blue catfish over 36-inches can be taken from Lakes Marion and Moultrie per person in one day.

### Black bass (Largemouth, Smallmouth, Redeye & Spotted)

**Limit:** 10 fish combined total per day, except Slade's Lake, total of not more than 2 largemouth bass per day and not more than 15 fish combined total per day. It is illegal to harvest largemouth bass in Lake Wallace, Marlboro County.

**Size:** 12-inch minimum for largemouth bass on Slade's Lake, Lakes Wylie, Marion, Moultrie, and the Georgia waters of the Savannah River and all its reservoirs.

### Striped bass and/or hybrids

**Limit:** 10 fish per day (See exceptions.)

**Size limit & exceptions:**

- The Saluda River from Lake Greenwood Dam downstream to the Lake Murray Dam - 5 fish per day and 21-inch minimum size limit. In Lake Murray during July and August, two of the five striped bass creel limit may be less than 21 inches.

- The Lower Santee River System and the Cooper River system - From June 1 through September 30 no possession of striped bass. From October 1 through May 31 three (3) fish per day and 26 inch minimum size. All stripers must be landed with the head and tailfin intact. The 'Lower Santee River system' includes all waters and tributaries seaward of the Lake Murray Dam, the Columbia Canal Diversion Dam, and the Lake Wateree Dam to the freshwater/saltwater dividing line on the North Santee River and the South Santee River. This includes Lakes Marion and Moultrie, and the Diversion and Re-diversion Canals. The Cooper River system includes all waters and tributaries, including the Tailrace Canal, of the Cooper River from its point of origin seaward to the freshwater/saltwater dividing line.

- In the Savannah River and its tributaries and distributaries and the lands immediately adjacent to them from the J. Strom Thurmond Lake dam downstream to the mouth of the Savannah River. Defined by a line from Jones Island, S.C. (also known as Oysterbed Island) point at N. 32° 02' W. 80° 53'; across Cockspur Island, "Georgia, point at N. 32° 01' W. 80° 52'" to Lazaretto Creek, Georgia, point at 32° 01' W. 80° 52'". - Unlawful to possess more than 2 striped bass, striped bass hybrids, white bass, or any combination of these species. Any lawfully possessed fish of each of these species must be a minimum of 27 inches.

### Cold water trout

**Limit:** 10 fish per day, 10 in possession. (See exceptions.)

**Exceptions:**

- Saluda River - not more than five trout may be taken in any one day from that portion of the lower Saluda River between the Lake Murray Dam and the confluence of the Broad River.

- Chattooga River (SC Hwy 28 upstream to Reid Creek), and Cheohee Creek (SC Forestry Commission property) - 0 trout per day, 0 in possession (catch and release only) from Nov. 1 through May 14.

- Chattooga River (except SC Hwy 28 upstream to Reid Creek), Lakes Tugaloo, Yonah and Hartwell, Lake Hartwell Tailwater and Lake Russell - 8 trout per day, 8 in possession.

- Whitewater River in Oconee County, Eastatoe River (Heritage Preserve lands) in Pickens County, Middle Saluda River (lower foot bridge at Jones Gap Park upstream to Hwy 276), and Matthews Creek (upstream of Caesar's Head State Park) in Greenville County - 7 trout per day, 7 in possession.

- Middle Saluda River (Hugh Smith Road upstream to lower foot bridge at Jones Gap State Park) - 0 trout per day, 0 in possession (catch and release year round).

- Lake Jocassee - 5 trout per day, 5 in possession.

**Size limit & exceptions:** No size limit, except Lake Jocassee, 15-inch minimum.

#### Bait/tackle restrictions:

- Artificial lures and bait can be used when fishing for trout. (See exceptions.)

#### Bait/tackle exceptions:

- Matthews Creek (from lower boundary of Caesar's Head State Park) and Middle Saluda River (Jones Gap State Park lower foot bridge to Hwy 276) in Greenville County, Eastatoe River (Heritage Preserve lands) in Pickens County and Whitewater River in Oconee County - Artificial lures only.

- Lake Jocassee - It is unlawful to fish with corn, cheese, fish eggs or imitations of them as bait on Lake Jocassee.

- Chattooga River from SC 28 upstream to Reid (Big) Creek and Cheohee Creek within the property boundary of Piedmont Forestry Center (as posted) between Nov. 1 and May 14, only artificial lures with single hook may be used.

- Middle Saluda River (Hugh Smith Rd. to the lower foot bridge at Jones Gap State Park), artificial lures with single hook (no treble hooks).

#### Seasons:

- Cold water trout can be fished for year-round. (See exceptions.)

#### Season exceptions:

- Howard Creek (from Corbin Creek upstream to Limberpole Creek), Corbin Creek (from Howard Creek upstream to SC 130), and Devils Fork Creek in Oconee County are closed to fishing from Nov. 1 through Mar. 30.

- Chattooga River from SC 28 upstream to Reid (Big) Creek and Cheohee Creek within the property boundary of Piedmont Forestry Center (as posted). All coldwater trout caught



between Nov. 1 and May 14 must be released and cannot be harvested.

- Middle Saluda River (catch and release area) open for fishing only on Mon., Wed., and Sat. during daylight hours with a special daily permit obtained on-site.
- Cheohee Creek (Forestry Center lands) open to fishing only on Mon., Wed., and Sat. from November 1 through May 14 and June 15 through June 22 of each year during daylight hours.

**Crappie, bream (including bluegill, flier, redbreast, warmouth, pumpkinseed and redear, longear and spotted sunfish), white bass, chain pickerel or jackfish, redbfin pike, yellow perch, walleye and sauger**

**Limit:** 30 fish per day. (See exceptions.)

**Exceptions:**

- **Walleye and sauger** - 8 fish per day on Lakes Tugaloo, Yonah, Hartwell, Russell, Thurmond and the Chattooga River.

## Freshwater/Saltwater Dividing Line

[www.dnr.sc.gov/marine/dividingline.html](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/marine/dividingline.html)

The dividing line between saltwater and freshwater on the rivers listed is defined in this section, and all waters of the rivers and their tributaries, streams, and estuaries lying seaward of the dividing lines are considered saltwaters, and all waters lying landward or upstream from all dividing lines are considered freshwaters for purposes of licensing and regulating commercial and recreational fishing. Except as otherwise provided below, the saltwater/freshwater dividing line is U.S. Hwy. 17:

- 1) On Savannah River the dividing line is the abandoned Seaboard Railroad track bed located approximately one and three-fourths miles upstream from the U.S. Hwy. 17A bridge.
- 2) Wright River is salt water for its entire length.
- 3) On Ashepoo River the dividing line is the old Seaboard Railroad track bed.
- 4) On New River the dividing line is at Cook's Landing.
- 5) Wallace River, Rantowles Creek, Long Branch Creek, and Shem Creek are saltwater for their entire lengths.
- 6) On Edisto River the dividing line is the abandoned Seaboard Railroad track bed near Matthews Canal Cut.
- 7) On Ashley River the dividing line is the confluence of Popper Dam Creek directly across from Magnolia Gardens.
- 8) On Cooper River the dividing line is the seaward shoreline of Old Back River at the confluence of Old Back River downstream from Bushy Park Reservoir.
- 9) Wando River is saltwater for its entire length.
- 10) On the Intracoastal Waterway in Horry County the dividing line is the bridge across the Intracoastal Waterway at the intersection of S.C. Hwy. 9 and U.S. Hwy. 17.

## SCDNR Managed State Lakes

Lake*	County	Acres	Open Days	Boat/Motor	Creel/Size Limits <i>Catfish</i>	Creel/Size Limits <i>Bass</i>	Creel/Size Limits <i>Bream</i>	Minnows Allowed	Boat Ramp	Fishing Pier	Handicap Access
Ashwood	Lee	75	All Days	7.5 H.P.	3	3	20	Yes	X	X	X
Bonneau Ferry WMA**	Berkeley	100	W, Sat, Sun*** Mar. 2 - Oct. 31	Electric Only	No Limit	2	10	Yes	X		
Edgar Brown	Barnwell	100	All Days	10 HP (Gas) North of Hospital Rd east- ward. Any size south of Rd.	3	3 (16" minimum)	20	Yes	X	X	X
Cherokee	Cherokee	50	All Days	Electric Only	3	5	25	No	X	X	X
Dargans Pond	Darlington	50	W & Sat. (Mar. 1 - Sept. 30)	Electric Only	3	3 (16" minimum) (2 bass may be under the size limit)	20	Yes	X	X	X
John D. Long	Union	80	All Days	Electric Only	3	3	20	No	X	X	X
Edwin Johnson	Spartanburg	40	All Days	Electric Only	3	3 (16" minimum)	20	No	X		
Jonesville	Union	35	M, W, Sat.	Electric Only	3	3 (12" minimum)	20	No	X	X	X
Lancaster Resv..	Lancaster	62	Thur & Sat	Electric Only	3	2 (16" minimum)	20	No	X		
Mountain Lake 1	Chester	42	Tue, Thur, Sat., Sun	Electric Only	3	1 (16" minimum)	10 larger than 5". No limit on fish under 5", but state limits apply.	No	X	X	X
Mountain Lake 2	Chester	10	Tue, Thur, Sat., Sun	Electric Only	3	1 (16" minimum)	10 larger than 5". No limit on fish under 5", but state limits apply.	No		X	X
Oak Grove	Greenville	18	W & Sat.	Electric Only	3	3 (12" minimum)	20	No			
Oliphant	Chester	40	M, W, Sat	Electric Only	3	3 (14" minimum)	20	No	X	X	X
Star Fort Pond	Greenwood	27	W, Fri, Sat. Apr. 1 -- Nov. 1	Electric Only	3	3 (12" minimum)	20	No		X	X
Thicketty	Cherokee	100	All Days	6 HP (Gas)	No Limit	10	25	Yes	X		
Paul Wallace	Marlboro	280	All Days	10 HP (Gas)	3	0 (No harvesting)	20	No	X	X	X
George Warren	Hampton	400	All Days	10 HP (Gas)	3	3	20	Yes	X	X	X
Webb Center**	Hampton	78&10	All Days***	Electric Only	No Limit	10	30	Yes			
Sunrise	Lancaster	25	M, W, Sat	Electric Only	3	2 (16" minimum)	20	No	X		
Draper WMA***	York	1, 2 & 5	Wed-Mon.	No	3	3 (14" minimum)	15	No			

\* The days each impoundment is open can change. Contact your nearest SCDNR office to determine the open days of an individual lake.

\*\* Webb Center and Bonneau Ferry Lakes are closed on deer hunting days. Bonneau Ferry closed Saturdays in April until 11:00 AM.

\*\*\* Combined daily creel limits from all ponds. Adult/youth fishing only on Bonneau Ferry. Each youth must be accompanied by no more than two adults 18 years of age or older.

# Nongame Freshwater Fishing

## General Information

Nongame fishing permits and tags may be purchased from SCDNR only. Applications may be obtained at [www.dnr.sc.gov](http://www.dnr.sc.gov) or by calling 803-734-3833.

Nongame fishing permits and tags are required, in addition to a valid South Carolina state fishing license (also applies to youth under 16), to use the following devices for recreational purposes: up to 3 trotlines with not more than 150 hooks, 3 to 50 set hooks, 3 to 50 jugs, up to 2 traps, 1 hoop net, 1 gill net no more than 200 yards in length or 5 gill nets, none of which exceed 30 yards in length, 1 skimbrow net, 1 seine, 1 minnow seine, or up to 2 eel pots.

This requirement applies to all freshwaters of the state inland of the saltwater-freshwater dividing lines, except privately-owned ponds.

Nongame fishing devices are not allowed in certain waters. The maximum number of devices allowed per area is shown in the Areas & Limits Section on page 21.

A tag must be attached to the device for which it was issued, and each permit and tag identification receipt must be in the licensee's possession while engaging in the activity.

Game fish must be immediately released if caught by net or trap or any other device used for catching nongame fish.

## Commercial Fishing

A commercial freshwater fishing license must be in possession to take catfish by any method from public waters and sell or offer for sale such catfish, and/or fish with the following nongame fishing devices: 2 or more gill nets (or 5 gill nets not more than 30 ft. in length), 2 or more hoop nets, 3 or more traps, trotlines with a combined total of 151 hooks or more, or 3 or more eel pots.

All persons involved in commercial catfish fishing must have a commercial freshwater fishing license if they participate in any way in the actual fishing operation. This includes, but is not limited to, operating a boat, baiting hooks, removing fish from lines, traps or nets. No more than one blue catfish over 36-inches can be taken from Lakes Marion and Moultrie in one day.

To qualify for a resident commercial freshwater fishing license, one must have been a resident of this state for the past 12 consecutive months and furnish proof to the SCDNR.

## Shad/Herring

To take shad for recreational purposes by hook and line, cast net, or skim bow net in freshwaters a person must have a freshwater fishing license. For other allowances and restrictions, see page 25. Commercial fishing for shad and herring in freshwaters, including for sale as bait and by use

of gill nets, is regulated under saltwater fisheries laws regardless of location within the state (Sec. 50-5-1500 and 50-5-1550). Contact the Charleston License office at 803-953-9301 for commercial and gill net information.

## Nongame Freshwater Fishing Methods & Devices

Some devices are not permitted on certain waters. See Area & Limits on page 21 for devices and limits allowed in each area.

### Set Hooks

**Description:** A single hook and line attached to bushes, limbs, poles, sticks or similar structures.

**Permits/Regulations:** A permit is required to fish 3 to 50 hooks (50 hook limit).

*Persons 65 years or older or under age 16 are not required to purchase a Set Hook Permit, but a label with their name, address and age must be attached to each set hook. A fishing license is required. A permit is not required for 2 set hooks with a valid state fishing license.*

**Hours/Seasons:** Must be removed prior to one hour after official sunrise each day and cannot be reattached prior to one hour before official sunset.

### Jugs

**Description:** A single hook and line attached to a free-floating device with a minimum capacity of one pint and a maximum of one gallon. May not have more than one line.

**Permits/Regulations:** A permit is required to fish 3 to 50 jugs (50 jug limit). Licensee's name and address must be clearly marked on each jug. Jug fishing is legal only in Lakes Greenwood, Secession, Richard B. Russell, Thurmond, and Stevens Creek. *A permit is not required for 2 jugs with a valid state fishing license. A jug permit is not required for residents assisting jug permit holders.*

**Hours/Seasons:** Must be removed from the water before one hour after official sunrise each day and not replaced prior to one hour before official sunset.

### Trotlines

**Description:** 2 or more hooks attached to a line which is rigged horizontally and marked with a white or yellow floating marker (See Markers and Identification on page 20). Stainless steel hooks are prohibited statewide. *Hooks used in Lakes Marion and Moultrie ONLY must measure 7/16 inch or less between point and shank.*

**Permits/Regulations:** A tag is required for each trotline with up to 50 hooks. Trotlines with more than 50 hooks require a tag for every 50 hooks or less. No trotline shall be attached in any manner

to another trotline or to the support or float of another trotline. No trotlines allowed within 100 feet of the mouth of any tributary stream.

**Hours/Seasons:** Trotlines must be inspected and fish removed at least every 24 hours. From Apr. 1 to Oct. 1, no trotline is permitted in any waters from one hour after official sunrise to one hour before official sunset, unless the trotline is sunk to the bottom or a minimum depth of four feet below the surface. From Oct. 2 to Mar. 31, trotlines may be left in the water 24 hours per day at any depth.

### Traps & Eel Pots

**Description:** A device (as described below and on the following page) marked with a white or yellow floating marker (See Markers and Identification on page 20).

**Permits/Regulations:** A tag is required for each trap or eel pot. A permit is required for the harvest of eels in both freshwater and saltwater. Traps and eel pots may be suspended in water at a depth which does not create a hazard to watercraft. No trap or eel pot shall be placed within 100 feet of the mouth of any tributary stream. No crab pot or trap of like design may be used in the fresh waters of this state.

**Hours/seasons:** No closed season.

**Trap Type 1 -** *The trap may be made of wire or textile material and be cylindrical in shape of a length not more than 6 feet and a width of not more than 3 feet. The mesh shall not be smaller than 1 inch by 1 inch, and there shall be only one application of exterior wire to the trap. The muzzle shall have one of the following designs: A trap door on the second muzzle or catch muzzle which remains in a closed position and which only opens for the entry of fish into the trap; or constructed of netting so that the opening of the small end of the second muzzle or catch muzzle is held in the shape of a slit and the trap configuration constructed such that as the trap rests on the bottom, the slit shall be oriented horizontally with the greatest vertical opening being no greater than 1 inch.*

**Trap Type 2 -** *The trap may be made of wood strips or slats and be cylindrical or rectangular in shape. The length shall not exceed 6 feet, and the width or diameter shall not exceed 2 feet. The throat opening of the catch muzzle in a resting position shall not exceed 3 inches measured in any direction. The sides, top and rear of the trap shall have a minimum of one inch opening between the slats to allow for the escape of small catfish. This shall apply only to the last 12 inches of the trap.*

**Eel pot -** *Pots no larger than 24 inches by 48 inches and constructed of wire with a mesh size no smaller than 1/2 by 1/2 inch, except for the throat or muzzle and the end opposite the throat or muzzle. The throat opening shall not exceed 2 inches measured in any direction.*



## Hoop Nets

**Description:** Nets made of textile netting (no wire) of a mesh size between 1 and 2 inches square enclosing a series of round hoops with two or more muzzle openings made of a netting material. The maximum size net allowed is 16 feet by 5 1/2 feet.

**Permits/Regulations:** Hoop nets must rest on the bottom and cannot be placed within 100 feet of the mouth of any tributary stream.

**Hours/Seasons:** No closed season.

## Gill Nets

**Description:** Nets with a mesh size greater than 4 1/2 inches stretch mesh. The maximum length is 200 yards and no net, cable, line or other device used for support of the gill net can extend more than halfway across the stream or body of water. Nets must be marked with a white or yellow floating marker (See Markers and Identification).

**Permits/Regulations:** Gill nets shall be placed on a first-come basis, and no net can be placed within 200 yards of another gill net.

**Hours/Seasons:** The season for taking nongame fish other than shad and herring is Nov. 1 to Mar. 1 (where authorized) on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays only. Fishing time begins at 12:01 am on Wednesday, and ends at midnight on Saturday.

## Other Devices

**Descriptions:** Devices described in this section may be used in any body of fresh water including tributaries of rivers or creeks except in prohibited areas. A state fishing license is required (Lakes & Reservoir Permits are not valid). Tags are not required.

• **Bows and Arrows, Spears, Gigs & Cast Nets:**

• **Skimbow Net** - A hand-operated dip net with the bow constructed of wood or metal with wire or textile netting with a mesh size not greater than 1 1/2 inches square. The bow shall not exceed 6 feet in any direction and may be used only from February through April 30 for shad or herring.

• **Minnow Seine** - Must not be greater than four feet in width by 20 feet in length with a mesh size of not more than 1/4 inch square mesh. It is unlawful to have in possession a minnow seine from 10 PM to official sunrise.

• **Tires** - Must not exceed 20-inch rim. Rules and regulations of power companies may not allow for the placing of tires.

• **Seine** - A net having a stretch mesh of not less than 1 inch and not more than 1 1/2 inches which does not exceed 75 feet in length or 6 feet in depth. It shall be unlawful to anchor a seine and leave it unattended.

## Markers and Identification

Trotlines, traps, eel pots and gill nets must be

marked with a floating marker with a minimum capacity of one pint and a maximum capacity of one gallon or equivalent size and must be made of solid, buoyant material which does not sink if punctured or cracked. The floating markers must be constructed of plastic, PVC Spongex, plastic foam or cork. No hollow buoys or floats including plastic, metal or glass bottles or jugs may be used except manufactured buoys or floats specifically designed for use with nongame fishing devices; these may be hollow if constructed of heavy duty plastic material and approved by the SCDNR. The floating markers must be colored white when used the 1st through the 15th of the month and yellow when used the remainder of the month. The owner's name and address must be marked clearly on each floating marker.

Hoop Nets set on the Congaree River from the I-77 Bridge to the confluence of the Congaree and Wateree rivers must also be marked with the same floating markers as listed above.

## Bait

No game fish, live bait or any bait other than bait listed below shall be used with trotlines, set hooks and jugs: soap, doughballs, cut fish (nongame fish cut into at least three equal parts), shrimp, grapes or meat scraps (shall not include insects, worms and other invertebrates).

On the Edisto, Black, Sampit, Big Pee Dee, Little Pee Dee, Lumber and Waccamaw rivers, live nongame fish and bream may be used with single-barbed set hooks and trotlines that have a shank-to-point gap of one and three-sixteenths inches or greater.

On the Black, Big Pee Dee, Little Pee Dee, Lumber and Waccamaw rivers, live nongame fish and bream may be used on trotlines having not more than 20 hooks with a shank-to-point gap of one and three-sixteenths inches.

Game fish used as bait must be included in daily creel limit, 30 bream per day (see pg. 18).

There are no restrictions on the type of bait permissible in traps or eel pots except that no game fish or parts thereof shall be used as bait.

## Prohibited Areas

No nongame fishing devices of any kind may be used in SCDNR-managed lakes (as listed on page 18), or waters within Game Zone 1, except in Lakes Hartwell and Keowee and Twelve-Mile Creek.

## Prohibited Practices

Possession or use on the freshwaters of this state of any device or gear designed or used to catch nongame fish not authorized by law is prohibited.

Possession of game fish or tackle designed to catch game fish is prohibited while fishing traps, trotlines, or other nongame fish devices except cast nets and bows and arrows.

It is unlawful for any person to tamper with, fish, or use in any manner the nongame fishing device or gear owned and tagged by another person, or to take from any such device or gear, any fish caught thereon. No fishing device shall be used, placed, set or fished so as to create a hazard to boating.

No trotlines, traps or eel pots shall be placed within 200 yards of any permanent man-made structure on Lakes Marion and Moultrie nor placed anywhere in the Diversion Canal connecting Lakes Marion and Moultrie, the Tailrace Canal nor the area known as the Borrow Pit (also known as "Bar Pit") in Clarendon County.

## Penalties

The boat, motor, fishing gear and fish of any person who is charged with unlawfully fishing, using or having in possession a gill net or hoop net on any freshwater lake or reservoir shall be confiscated.

Any person who tampers with any non-game fishing device with intent to damage or to make it ineffective for the purpose of taking fish shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$200 or imprisoned for not more than 30 days, and for stealing a device or fish caught in the device shall be fined not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than 6 months or both.

Upon the conviction of any commercial freshwater fisherman of illegal possession of game fish or the sale or traffic in game fish, SCDNR shall suspend such person's license or privilege to fish in this state for a period of one year.

Updated regulations and information are provided when nongame fish tags or permits are issued. Tags, permits and commercial freshwater fishing licenses are available by visiting any Regional DNR Office (see page 61 for locations), through the internet at [dnr.sc.gov](http://dnr.sc.gov), by writing to: SCDNR-License Section, PO Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202-0167 or calling 803-734-3833. Nongame fish tags are issued at each Regional DNR office. Tags purchased through the internet or by mail are mailed from the Columbia office and the privilege is not valid until the tag is received by the licensee.

**Free Fishing Days**  
**June 6 & 7, 2009**  
**(For residents only, as**  
**specified in 50-9-730.)**

# NONGAME AREAS & LIMITS

\*Described limits are the maximum number of nongame devices allowed per license holder.

## Ashepool River:

Set hooks - 50  
Eel pots - No limit

## Ashley River:

Set hooks - 50  
Eel pots - No limit

## Big Pee Dee River-See Great Pee Dee River

## Black Creek: Darlington, Florence & Chesterfield Counties:

### (Lakes Robinson & Prestwood)

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*  
Nongame gill nets in season  
Set hooks-50

## Black River:

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*  
Nongame gill nets in season  
Set hooks-50

## Broad River: Includes the waters from the North Carolina state line to the confluence of the Broad and Saluda rivers.

Traps-5\*  
Trotlines-150 hooks total\*  
Set hooks-50  
Seines-1 (from Hwy 34 bridge upstream)

## Bull Creek: Horry & Georgetown Counties:

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*  
Nongame gill nets in season  
Eel pots-No limit  
Traps-50\*

## Buffalo Creek:

Seines-1  
**Bush River:** Laurens County:  
Seines-1

## Combahee River:

Set hooks-50  
Eel pots-No limit

## Congaree River: From the Gervais Street Bridge in Columbia to the I-77 Bridge in Columbia.

Traps-50\*  
Trotlines-2000 hooks total\*  
Hoop nets-50 w/commercial license.

## Congaree River: From the I-77 Bridge to confluence of the Congaree and Wateree rivers.

Traps-10 max. w/ commercial license.  
Trotlines-2000 hooks total\*  
Hoop nets-10 w/commercial license.  
(see Markers & Identification)  
Set hooks-50

## Cooper River: Traps, trotlines, set hooks and eel pots are not permitted upstream from Wadboo Creek.

Traps-50\*  
Trotline-150 hooks total  
Fyke Nets-As allowed for eel fishing by regulation

Set hooks-50  
Eel pots-No limit

Pump nets-No limit

## Coosawhatchie & Tullifinny rivers:

Set hooks-50

## Mallards Lake: Dorchester County:

Nongame gill nets in season  
Set hooks-50

## Mims Lake: Dorchester County:

Nongame gill nets in season  
Set hooks-50

## Shuler Lake: Dorchester County:

Nongame gill nets in season  
Set hooks-50

## Woods Lake: Dorchester County:

Nongame gill nets in season  
Set hooks-50

## Bridge Lake: Dorchester County:

Nongame gill nets in season  
Set hooks-50

## Little Pond Lake: Dorchester County:

Nongame gill nets in season  
Set hooks-50

## Steed's Lake: Dorchester County:

Nongame gill nets in season  
Set hooks-50

## John's Hole Lake: Dorchester County:

Nongame gill nets in season  
Set hooks-50

## Rock's Lake: Dorchester County:

Nongame gill nets in season  
Set hooks-50

## Mouth of Four Holes Lake:

Dorchester County:  
Nongame gill nets in season  
Set hooks-50

## Durbin Creek:

Seines-1  
**Edisto River:**  
Set hooks-50  
Eel pots-no limit

## Enoree River:

Traps-2  
Trotlines-150 hooks total\*  
Set hooks-50  
Seines-1 from Southern Railroad in Greenville County downstream

## Great Pee Dee River: From I-95 to NC state line.

Traps-50\*  
Trotlines-2000 hooks total\*  
Nongame gill nets in season  
Set hooks-50

Hoop nets-50 w/commercial license.  
North of SC 34 only

## Great Pee Dee River: From I-95 to the saltwater line.

Nongame gill nets in season  
Trotlines-150 hooks total\*  
Set hooks-50  
Eel pots-Below Highway 701 bridge only, no limit

Traps-50\*

## Jefferies Creek: Florence County:

Nongame gill nets in season  
Trotlines-150 hooks total\*  
Set hooks-50

## Lake Greenwood:

Traps-5\*  
Trotlines-150 hooks total\*  
Jugs-50

## Lake Hartwell:

Traps-5\*  
Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

## Lake Jocassee:

All nongame devices prohibited, including cast nets.

## Lake Keowee:

Traps-5\*  
Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

## Lakes Marion and Moultrie:

Waters between confluence of Wateree and Congaree rivers and backwaters of Lake Marion are considered a part of

## Lake Marion.

Traps-50\*

Trotlines-2000 hooks total\*

## Lake Murray:

Traps-5\*

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

## Lake Richard B. Russell:

Traps-5\*

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Jugs-50

## Lake Secession:

Traps-2

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Jugs-50

## Lake Thurmond & Stevens Creek

### Reservoir:

Traps-5\*

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Jugs-50

## Lake Wateree:

Traps-5\*

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

## Catawba River: From Lake Wylie

Dam to the backwaters of Lake

Wateree, including all reservoirs.

Traps-2

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Set hooks-50

Seines-1 in York County only

## Lake Wylie:

Traps-5\*

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

## Little River:

Seines-1 from Mars Bridge in McCormick County upstream

## Little Pee Dee River:

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

## Log Creek: Edgefield County:

Seines-1

## Long Cane Creek: Above Patterson Bridge

Seines-1

## Louder's Lake: Darlington County:

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

## Lumber River:

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

## Lynches River:

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

## Mulberry Creek: Greenwood County:

Seines-1

## New River:

Set hooks-50

## Old River:

Set hooks-50

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

## Pacolet River:

Traps-2

Set hooks-50

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Seines-1

## Rabon Creek: Laurens County:

Seines-1

## Redbank Creek: Saluda County west of Highway 121:

Seines-1

## Reedy River:

Traps-2

Set hooks-50

## Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Seines-1 from Southern RR in Greenville County downstream

## Rocky River: Anderson County:

Seines-1

## Salkehatchie River:

Set hooks-50

**Saluda River:** From Southern RR Trestle in Greenville County to backwaters of Lake Greenwood and from Lake Greenwood Dam to backwaters of Lake Murray.

Traps-2

Set hooks-50

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Seines-1 in Anderson, Laurens and Greenville Counties only except in Anderson County seines may be used in river tributaries.

**Saluda River:** From Lake Murray Dam to the Gervais St. Bridge in Columbia.

Traps-2

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

## Sampit River:

Nongame gill nets in season

Traps-50\*

Set hooks-50

**Santee River:** Downstream from Wilson Dam on Lake Marion. No nongame gear (except skimbow nets) allowed upstream of U.S.G.S. Gauging Station 1715 about 2.4 miles below Santee Dam.

Traps-50\*

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Eel pots-No limit

## Savannah River: Below Stevens Creek Dam.

Traps-50\*

Hoop nets-50 w/commercial license.

Set hooks-50

Nongame gill nets in season

Trotlines-2000 hooks total\*

Eel pots-No limit

## Stevens Creek: Above Clark's Hill Bridge.

Seines-1

## Thicketty Creek: Cherokee County:

Seines-1

## Turkey Creek: Edgefield & Greenwood Counties:

Seines-1

## Twelve-Mile Creek:

Traps-2

Set hooks-50

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

## Tyger River:

Traps-2

Set hooks-50

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Seines-1

## Waccamaw River:

Trotlines-150 hooks total\*

Nongame gill nets in season

Set hooks-50

Eel pots-No limit below junction of Big Bull Creek

## Warrior Creek: Laurens County:

Seines-1

## Wateree River:

Traps-50\*

Set hooks-50

Trotlines-2000 hooks total\*

Hoop nets-50 w/commercial license

## Wilson Creek-Greenwood County:

Seines-1



## General Information

The following laws pertain mainly to noncommercial saltwater fishing, shrimping, crabbing and shellfishing for personal consumption.

Individuals (age 16 and older) harvesting oysters or clams or individuals fishing for marine finfish from privately-owned boats or when transporting catch in privately-owned boats must purchase an annual or temporary Saltwater Recreational Fisheries License.

Fishing piers and chartered vessels charging a fee for fishing and those offering fishing boats for rent must purchase a Marine Recreational Fisheries license annually. Applications for Pier and Charter Vessel Licenses are available from the DNR office in Charleston.

Any person engaged in selling any fish or fishery product, including bait, must first obtain a license from the Marine Resources Division. Regulations concerning commercial saltwater fishing are provided with commercial licenses and are available through Marine Resources Division at the address below.

**For more information contact:** SCDNR, Marine Resources Division, P.O. Box 12559, Charleston, SC 29422, 843-953-9300, [www.dnr.sc.gov](http://www.dnr.sc.gov).

**For federal fishery limits and regulations, contact:** South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405, 843-571-4366, [www.safmc.net](http://www.safmc.net).

### Annual License Fees

#### Saltwater Recreational Fisheries License

Annual Resident License .....	\$10
Annual Non-Resident License .....	\$35
Temporary Resident License (14 days) .	\$5
Temporary Non-Resident License (14 days) .....	\$11

#### Shrimp Baiting License

Resident License .....	\$25
Non-Resident License .....	\$500

#### Commercial Pier License (>100 feet) ..

Commercial Pier License (≤100 feet) ..\$150

#### Charter Vessel License

(6 or less passengers) .....	\$150
(7-49 passengers) .....	\$250
(50 or more passengers) .....	\$350

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## Saltwater Fishing Methods & Devices

### Hook and Line

**Permits/License:** Saltwater Recreational Fisheries License required when fishing from privately-owned boats or when transporting catch in privately-owned boats. Federal Highly Migratory Species Permit required when fishing for tuna, billfish and swordfish in federal waters

and for possession of these species in state waters. For sharks, a federal permit is required only when fishing in federal waters.

**Seasons:** No closed season.

#### Restrictions:

- It is unlawful to fish from a boat within 300 feet of commercial fishing piers extending into the Atlantic Ocean.
- Fishing from the shore in the waters under or within 50 feet on either side or beyond the end of any ocean fishing pier in Horry County is prohibited.

### Gigging

**Permits/Licenses:** Saltwater Recreational Fishing License.

#### Restrictions:

- It is unlawful to gig red drum or spotted seatrout during Dec., Jan. and Feb.
- It is unlawful in Georgetown County to gig for fish in saltwaters from the northern tip of North Island to the northern tip of Magnolia Beach during daylight hours.

### Bangsticks

- It is unlawful to take, have in one's possession or to land or sell any species of fish taken by means of a bangstick or similar device.

### Cast Nets (Other than Shrimp)

**Permits/Licenses:** Saltwater Recreational Fisheries License.

### Seines & Gill Nets

#### (Anchor, Set, Stake & Drift Nets)

#### Permits/Licenses:

- Gill nets, haul seines (except shrimp seines under 40 ft. or less), \$10 for each 100 net ft. or fraction thereof.
- Powerboats transporting nets or other commercial fishing equipment must have vessel decals.

**Seasons:** No closed season in saltwater (except shad, sturgeon and herring).

#### Restrictions:

- Red drum and spotted seatrout may not be taken by nets. Sharks may not be taken by gill nets.
- Gill nets no longer than 100 feet with a 3-inch minimum stretched mesh size may be used only in unrestricted areas of the Atlantic Ocean.
- Gill nets no longer than 100 yards with 3-inch minimum stretched mesh size may be used only in special designated inshore areas.
- Gill nets must be marked with one end buoy that is international orange in color with the name and address of owner. Operator must be within 500 feet of the net and have visual contact with the net at all times when deployed.
- Nets may not be set more than halfway across any waterway at any time.
- Stationary or fixed nets, including gill nets, may not be set or placed within 600 feet of a

net previously set.

- Gill net users must be within 500 feet or hauling distance of the net at all times.
- It is unlawful to use any seine or gill net in any waters within a state park; except, small hand seines and cast nets for taking shrimp are allowed.

## Size & Catch Limits for Saltwater Fish

TL=Total Length, FL=Fork Length;  
AIW=Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway;  
**State Waters** extend from the saltwater-freshwater dividing line to the 3-mile limit.  
**Federal Waters** extend from the 3-mile limit to 200 miles offshore (international waters).

**All species in this section must be landed with head and tail intact.**

### Sport Fish

#### Red Drum (Channel Bass/Spottail)

**Limit:** 3 per person per day (state waters), 0 per person per day (federal waters)

**Size:** 15-inch minimum (TL) and 23-inch maximum (TL) (state waters)

#### Seasons/Restrictions:

- May be taken only by rod & reel year-round or by gigging March through November.
- May not be harvested from federal waters. South Carolina native caught fish may not be sold (state waters).

### Spotted Seatrout

**Limit:** 10 per person per day (state waters)

**Size:** 14-inch minimum (TL) (state waters)

#### Seasons/Restrictions:

- May be taken only by rod & reel year-round or by gigging March through November.
- South Carolina native caught fish may not be sold (state waters).

### Flounders (Southern, Summer & Gulf)

**Limit:** Rod & reel or gigging only - 20 per person per day, not to exceed 40 per boat per day (state waters)

**Size:** 14-inch minimum (TL) (state waters)

#### Seasons/Restrictions:

- Size limits apply to both recreational & commercial fishing.

### Striped Bass, Hybrid Bass, and Combinations

**Limit:** 10 per person per day except 2 per day in Savannah river saltwaters. See page 17.

**Size:** None in saltwaters, except 27-inch (TL) minimum in Savannah River saltwaters. See page 17.

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- May be taken only by rod & reel year-round & may not be sold (state waters).

**Bluefish****Limit:** 15 per person per day (all waters)**Size:** No size limit**Seasons/Restrictions:** No closed season**King Mackerel****Limit:** 3 per person per day (all waters)**Size:** 24-inch minimum (FL) (all waters)**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- March 1 to February 28, fishery may be closed to all harvest if total allowable catch is exceeded (state & federal waters).

**Spanish Mackerel****Limit:** 15 per person per day (all waters)**Size:** 12-inch minimum (FL) (all waters)**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- March 1 to February 28, fishery may be closed to all harvest if total allowable catch is exceeded (state & federal waters).

**Cobia****Limit:** 2 per person per day (all waters)**Size:** 33-inch minimum (FL) (all waters)**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- No closed season

**Tarpon****Limit:** 1 per person per day (state waters)**Size:** No size limit**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- May be taken only by rod & reel & may not be sold.

**Greater Amberjack****Limit:** 1 per person per day (all waters)**In April, 1 per vessel per trip****Size:** 28-inch minimum (FL) (all waters)**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- Commercial harvest restrictions during April. Prohibits sale of fish harvested under bag limit when season is closed.

**Sheepshead, Spadefish**

**Catch Limit:** No more than 20 per person per day in aggregate with the snapper grouper complex species listed on this page.

**Seasons/Restrictions:** No closed season**Dolphin**

**Limits:** 10 per person or 60 per boat per day (all waters); headboats have no boat limit.

**Size:** No size limit**Seasons/Restrictions:** No closed season**Wahoo****Limits:** 2 per person per day**Size:** No size limit**Seasons/Restrictions:** No closed season**Black Drum****Limit:** 5 per person per day (state waters)**Size:** 14-inch minimum (TL) and 27-inch maximum (TL) (state waters)**Seasons/Restrictions:** No closed season**Weakfish****Limit:** 10 per person per day (state waters)**Size:** 12-inch minimum (TL) (state waters)**Seasons/Restrictions:** No closed season**Hardhead Catfish and Gafftopsail Catfish (Saltwater Catfish)****Limit:** Possession is prohibited.**Seasons/Restrictions:** No open season. If caught, must be released immediately.**Atlantic Tunas****Yellowfin Tuna****Limit:** 3 per person per day.**Size:** 27-inch minimum (FL)**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- Federal Permit required.

**Bigeye, Bluefin Tuna**

**Limits:** Check current Federal Regulations by calling 1-888-USA-TUNA (1-888-872-8862) or checking [www.nmfspermits.com](http://www.nmfspermits.com).

**Size:** 27-inch minimum (FL)**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- Check current Federal Regulations by calling 1-888-USA-TUNA (1-888-872-8862) or checking [www.nmfspermits.com](http://www.nmfspermits.com).
- Federal Permit required.

**Albacore, Skipjack****Limit:** None**Size:** No size limit**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- Federal Permit required.

**Porgies & Snappers****Red Porgy****Seasons/Restrictions:**

- 3 per person per day.
- 14-inch minimum (TL).

**Vermilion Snapper****Limit:** 10 per person per day (all waters) (recreational)**Size:** 12-inch minimum (TL) recreational and commercial size limit**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- No closed season

**Other Snappers****(Excluding Vermilion)**

Red Snapper	20-inch minimum (TL) No closed season
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Lane Snapper	8-inch minimum (TL) No closed season
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Black Snapper	No size limit No closed season
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Blackfin, Cubera, Dog, Yellowtail,	12-inch minimum (TL) No closed season
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Gray, Mahogany, Silk, Schoolmaster & Queen Snapper	
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Mutton Snapper	16-inch minimum (TL) No closed season
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**Limit:**

- 10 per person per day from this group (including all snapper species except Vermilion), and no more than 2 Red Snapper may be included in the total (state & federal waters).

**Hogfish****Limit:** None**Size:** 12-inch minimum (FL) (all waters)**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- No closed season

**Sea Bass, Grouper & Tilefish****Black Seabass****Limit:** 15 per person per day (recreational; all waters)**Size:** 12-inch minimum (TL) (recreational; all waters); 10-inch minimum (TL) (commercial; all waters)**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- Open unless total allowable catch is exceeded.

**Grouper, Tilefish Combinations**

Gag & Black	24-inch minimum (TL)
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Grouper	
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Scamp, Red,	20-inch minimum (TL)
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Yellowfin &	
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Yellowmouth Groupers	
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Snowy Grouper	
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Yellowedge Grouper	
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Golden Tilefish	No size limit
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Sand Tilefish	
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Blueline Tilefish	
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**Limits:**

- 5 per person per day from this group; no more than 2 Gag or Black Groupers or more than 1 Snowy Grouper or Golden Tilefish may be included in this total (state & federal waters).

**Restrictions:**

- No closed season

**Warsaw, Speckled Hind Groupers****Limit:** 1 warsaw and 1 speckled hind per vessel per trip**Size:** No size limit**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- No closed season

**Nassau Grouper, Goliath****Limit:** Possession is prohibited**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- No open season

**All Other Snapper Grouper Complex Species Combined**

**Species:** Including but not limited to: **Gray, Queen and Ocean Triggerfish; Whitebone, Knobbed, Jolthead, Saucereye, Grass and**



Longspine Porgies; Scup, Sheepshead, Almaco, Bar, Crevalle and Yellow Jacks; Lesser Amberjack; Banded Rudderfish; Blueshrike, White, Smallmouth, French and Spanish grunts; Black Margate; Margate; Porkfish; Cottonwick; Sailors Choice; Spadefish; Puddingwife; Bank Sea Bass; Rock Sea Bass

**Limit:** 20 per person per day from this group

**Size:** No size limit

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- Bluerunners and tomtates are excluded from the bag limit.
- No closed season.

## Sharks

**Permits/Licenses:** Federal Highly Migratory Species Permit required in federal waters.

**Seasons/Restrictions:** All sharks must be landed with fins, head, and tail naturally attached.

### Dogfish (Spiny & Smooth)

**Limit:** None (all waters)

**Size:** No size limit

### Atlantic Sharpnose

**Limit:** 1 per person per day (federal waters)

2 per person per day (state waters)

**Size:** No size limit

### Bonnethead

**Limit:** 1 per person per day (all waters)

**Size:** No size limit

Blacktip, Spinner, Bull, Tiger, Lemon, Nurse, Scalloped Hammerhead, Great Hammerhead, Smooth Hammerhead, Blacknose, Finetooth, Shortfin Mako, Thresher, Porbeagle, Oceanic Whitetip and Blue Sharks

**Limit:** 1 shark per boat per trip from this group.

**Size:** 54-inch minimum (FL)

Sand Tiger, Bigeye Sand Tiger, Whale, Basking, White, Dusky, Bignose, Galapagos, Night, Caribbean Reef, Narrowtooth, Caribbean Sharpnose, Smalltail, Atlantic Angel, Longfin Mako, Bigeye Thresher, Sevengill, Sixgill and Bigeye Sixgill, Sandbar (outside of commercial shark research fishery), and Silky Sharks.

**Limit:** Possession is prohibited

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- No open season. Sharks from this group may not be kept. If caught, sharks from this group must be released immediately.

## Special Information

**Special Management Zones** - The following Artificial Reefs have been declared "Special Management Zones" and are protected by federal regulations: *BP-25, Beaufort 45, Betsy Ross, Bill Perry, C.J. Davidson, Cape Romain, Capers, Charleston 60, Comanche, Eagles Nest, Edisto 40, Edisto 60, Edisto Offshore, Fripp Island, Georgetown, Greenville, Hilton Head, Hunting Island, Kiawah, Little River Offshore, North Inlet, Paradise, Pawley's Island, Ten Mile, Vermilion,*

*Wayne Upchurch, Will Goldfinch and Y-73.* Fishing may be conducted only with hook and line gear and spearfishing gear (excluding powerheads). The use of fish traps, longlines, gill nets, and trawls is prohibited. Powerheads (bangsticks) are prohibited except for safety purposes. It is unlawful to possess, land, or sell any species of fish taken with a bangstick (reef and non-reef areas).

**Unlawful to Sell Gamefish** - The following species have been declared gamefish and native caught fish may not be sold: red drum (channel bass), spotted seatrout, striped bass and tarpon. The purchase, barter, trade, or sale of billfish, including marlin, sailfish and spearfish, is unlawful regardless of where taken or landed. Swordfish may be sold under commercial laws only.

**Prohibited Practices** - The use of dynamite, gun powder, lime or any other explosive in or about any waters of this state is unlawful. The commercial sale of **diamondback terrapins** is prohibited.

It is unlawful to sell or offer for sale any sea turtles or to offer for sale, sell or destroy any sea turtle eggs. Sea turtles are protected by the Federal Endangered Species Act. It is unlawful to display, feed, net, trap, harpoon, molest or otherwise interfere with the well-being or normal activity of **marine mammals** of the orders Cetacea, Sirenia and Pinnipedia, including but not limited to bottlenose dolphin, spotted dolphin, common dolphin, manatee, porpoise, harbor seal and any species of whale in any waters of the state. Marine mammals are also protected by federal law.

## Billfish

**Permits/Licenses:**

Federal Highly Migratory Species Permit required

### Blue Marlin

**Size:** 99-inch minimum (FL) (all waters)

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- May be taken only by rod & reel and may not be sold.

### White Marlin

**Size:** 66-inch minimum (FL) (all waters)

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- May be taken only by rod & reel and may not be sold.

### Sailfish

**Limit:** None

**Size:** 63-inch minimum (FL) (all waters)

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- May be taken only by rod & reel and may not be sold.

## Swordfish

**Limit:** 1 per person per day; up to 3 per vessel per trip

**Size:** 47-inch minimum from lower jaw (FL) (state & federal waters)

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- May be taken only by rod & reel. Recreationally taken fish may not be sold.

## Sturgeon & Shad

### Shortnose sturgeon

**Limit:** Possession is prohibited

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- Unlawful to catch, buy, sell, possess or ship. Classified as an endangered species.

### Atlantic sturgeon

**Limit:** Possession is prohibited (state waters)

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- No open season until further notice. Unlawful to catch, buy, sell, possess or ship.

### American Shad, Herring

**Limit:** 10 Shad per person per day except in Santee River and Rediversion canal (20 per person per day).

1 U.S. bushel of Herring per person per day.

**Size:** No size limit

**Seasons/Restrictions:**

- No closed season for recreational fishing with castnet or hook & line, including rod & reel. Skimbow nets allowed Feb. 1 through Apr. 30. Gill nets allowed as for commercial use.

## Shrimp Harvesting

### Catch Limits for Shrimp

Certain exemptions apply to permitted charter vessels and licensed bait dealers. For information, contact SCDNR, Marine Resources Division, P.O. Box 12559, Charleston, SC 29422 or call 843-953-9312.

## Taking Shrimp Without Bait

**Permits/Licenses:** None for personal use

**Limits/Seasons:**

- Daily catch 48 quarts whole or 29 quarts headed per boat, per person if no boat is used, or per seining party. May 1 through Dec. 15.
- 12 dozen dead or live shrimp per boat Dec. 16 through April 30.

### Shrimp Baiting

**Permits/Licenses:** Shrimp Baiting License and pole marker tags required. A license is not required for residents assisting license holders. Licenses available Monday of second full week in June.

**Seasons:** 60-day period set by SCDNR beginning at 12:00 noon on the last Friday on or before Sept. 15. Call 843-953-9312 for season dates.

**Limits:**

- Daily catch 48 quarts whole or 29 quarts headed per boat or per person if no boat is used.

**Restrictions:**

- Shrimp caught over bait cannot be sold.
- No more than 10 poles can be used per license per day. Poles may not exceed 1-inch in diameter and must have a numbered tag attached which corresponds with the shrimp baiting license. Each pole must also be marked with reflective tape.
- No more than 10 poles can be used per boat.
- All poles of a licensed set must be within 100 linear yards of each other and sets of poles must be at least 25 yards apart. Poles may not

be set within 50 yards of any dock, public landing or boat ramp. Unattended poles will be confiscated.

- Owners of private docks or persons with written permission may bait from those docks once properly licensed and with numbered tag displayed.

- Shrimp pots or traps are prohibited.

- Individuals who are: 1) owners or officers of a corporation which owns a vessel specified on a trawl license; 2) masters of a vessel specified on a trawl license application; 3) licensed to use a channel net; 4) licensed to use a cast net for a commercial purpose; or 5) licensed as a wholesale seafood dealer may not obtain a shrimp baiting license.

- Cast nets used for taking shrimp over bait must have a minimum mesh size of ½ inch square (1 inch stretch).

## Shrimp Seines

**Permits/Licenses:** None for personal use

**Seasons:** No closed season

**Restrictions:**

- Maximum length of shrimp seine 40 feet, maximum depth 6 feet, minimum mesh size, ½ inch square (1 inch stretch), maximum mesh size ⅞ inch square (1.75 inch stretch).

- Tail bags or pockets are not allowed on seines when pulled by hand.

- Staked seines are considered commercial channel net devices; allowances and restrictions are provided with the purchase of a commercial license.

- One limit per seine per day.

## Trawling

**Permits/Licenses:** Commercial Saltwater Fishing License, Vessel Decal, and Gear License required.

**Restrictions:** Trawling for personal use is restricted to the same license requirements, areas and seasons as commercial trawling. This information is provided with license.

# Crab, Lobster & Shellfish Harvesting

## Blue Crabs

**Limit:** None (state waters)

**Size:** 5-inch minimum carapace width (point to point)

**Restrictions:**

- Females with egg mass (sponge) must be returned to water unharmed immediately.

- For recreational purposes no more than two traps (pots) per person with owner's name and address marked on yellow floats only.

## Stone Crabs

**Limit:** None (state waters)

**Size:** Claws must be 2¾-inch minimum forearm (propodus)

**Restrictions:**

- Only crabs with 2 claws may have one removed.

- Only the larger of two claws may be kept.

- It is unlawful to possess any stone crab body, live or dead.

- No claw may be removed from a female with egg mass.

## Spiny Lobster

**Limit:** 2 per person per day (all waters)

**Size:** Carapace must be over 3 inches

**Restrictions:**

- No closed season.

- Removal of tail at sea prohibited.

- No harvest of berried females is allowed.

- No explosives, poisons, spears, or piercing devices other than fishing hooks are allowed.

## Oysters

**Limit:** 2 U.S. bushels per person per day from public or state shellfish grounds. No boat or vehicle, or boat and vehicle combination, may contain more than three personal limits regardless of the number of persons on the boat or in the vehicle. In order to possess three personal limits there must be three persons on the boat or in the vehicle. If there are four or more persons on the boat or in the vehicle there is a maximum possession limit of three personal limits.

**Size:** No Limit

**Restrictions:**

- Season typically Sept. 16 through May 15; may be shortened or extended by the DNR.

- A person may harvest shellfish (clams and/or oysters) recreationally no more than two days per seven day period.

**Permits/Licenses:** Saltwater Recreational Fishing License required.

## Clams

**Limit:** ½ U.S. bushel per person per day from public or state shellfish grounds. No boat or vehicle, or boat and vehicle combination may contain more than three personal limits regardless of the number of persons on the boat or in the vehicle. In order to possess three personal limits there must be three persons on the boat or in the vehicle. If there are four or more persons on the boat or in the vehicle there is a maximum possession limit of three personal limits.

**Size:** 1-inch minimum thickness

**Restrictions:**

- Season typically Sept. 16 through May 15; may be shortened or extended by the DNR.

- A person may harvest shellfish (clams and/or oysters) recreationally no more than two days per seven day period.

**Permits/Licenses:** Saltwater Recreational Fishing License required.

## Shell Recycling:

Oyster shells are collected throughout the coastal area and reused for shellfish culture. Call 843-953-9300 for shell drop-off site locations, or visit [saltwaterfishing.sc.gov/oyster.html](http://saltwaterfishing.sc.gov/oyster.html) for detailed maps of locations.

# Crab & Shellfish Methods & Devices

## Crab Pots (Traps)

**Permits/Licenses:** None for up to two pots. A Commercial Saltwater Fishing License, Vessel Decal, and Gear License are required for over two pots. (Other information is provided with licenses.)

**Seasons:** No closed season

**Restrictions:**

- If unattended each pot float must bear name and address or license number of owner.

- No crab pot shall be left unattended in coastal waters more than 5 days.

- No crab trap or pot may be set within 100 yards of a public boat landing or launching area or set so as to be left dry at low tide.



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**1-888-Tags-4-SC**

**1-888-824-7472**

When you catch any fish tagged by SCDNR, please call and report:

•Your Name	•Date	•Location	•Tag Number	•Species
•Telephone Number (with area code)		•Location		•Total Length



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• A float attached to a crab pot or trap must be made of solid, buoyant material which does not sink upon being punctured or cracked. The floats must be constructed of plastic, PVC Spongex, plastic foam, or cork. The primary float for a recreational pot or trap must be yellow in color and at least ten inches in length if rectangular, cylindrical, or conical and at least five inches in diameter or width. Round or spherical floats must be at least six inches in diameter. Buoy lines for crab pots must be made of nonfloating material.

## Gathering Shellfish (Oysters & Clams)

**Permits/Licenses:** Saltwater Recreational Fishing License required.

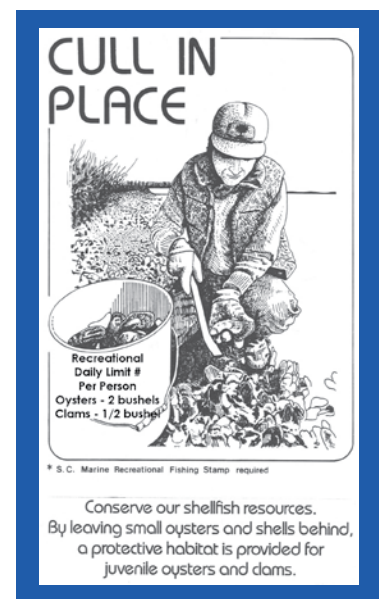
**Seasons:** Typically Sept. 16 through May 15 (½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset)

**Restrictions:**

• Shellfish may be harvested recreationally from State shellfish grounds and Public shellfish grounds. Most Public and State shellfish grounds are marked with signs. Recreational harvesting is allowed on culture permit grounds (formerly leases), but only when the harvester has in possession written permission from the culture permit holder. License must be in possession while harvesting.

*Maps of areas where oysters and clams may be gathered in season for recreation may be found on the web at [www.dnr.sc.gov](http://www.dnr.sc.gov) or by writing Marine Resources at PO Box 12559, Charleston, SC 29422. [www.dnr.sc.gov/marine/shellfish/regs.html](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/marine/shellfish/regs.html).*

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## Don't be confused



Weakfish



Spotted Seatrout

As noted in the regulations information, weakfish and spotted seatrout, two species with similar appearances, have different size limits, 12-inches Total Length, and 14-inches Total Length respectively. To avoid angler confusion, biologists note a distinct characteristic between these two species is the rounded black spots visible on the spotted seatrout's body and fins.



## Use Circle Hooks

Anglers are reminded of the conservation benefits of using circle hooks. Because of their unique design, circle hooks almost always hook fish in the mouth, whereas other hooks are more likely to hook fish in the gut or gills. Fish hooked in the gut or gills will often die of injuries shortly after being released. By practicing catch and release with circle hooks, the fish that you release will help to conserve South Carolina's fish populations.



## Shrimp Baiting License Application

Note: Applications with incomplete information will not be processed and will be returned to the applicant.

Make check payable to SCDNR  
Mail to: SCDNR License Section  
PO Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202 (803) 734-3833  
PO Box 12559, Charleston, SC 29422 (843) 953-9312

### Applicant's Social Security

# \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

### Applicant's Name

Last

First

MI

Gender

Race

Date of Birth

### Applicant's Address

Street or Box #

City

State

Zip

### County of Residence

### Telephone

### Driver's License No./State

### Amount of Money Enclosed

(Circle One)

Residents - \$25

Non-residents - \$500

I understand that persons whose recreational privileges are suspended are not eligible to apply for, hold, or use SCDNR recreational licenses, permits, stamps, or tags.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the above information, sign and return with the appropriate fee to the mailing address above.

# 2008 Saltwater Recreational Fisheries License Report

## Introduction

The South Carolina Recreational Fisheries License Program, since its inception in July 1992, has provided significant benefits to the state. Allocated funds continue to support programs, activities, and resource management functions that are of great value to the protection, maintenance, enhancement, and enjoyment of healthy and diverse marine recreational fisheries, associated fish stocks, and marine habitats. The original Marine Recreational Fishing Stamp program was modified in 2002 to give South Carolina resident and out-of-state anglers a variety of license options from which to choose. The modification has allowed for revenues to double, which provides additional support for activities important to state saltwater recreational anglers.



Since the inception of the license, as of May 31, 2008, approximately **1,547,780** individual saltwater stamps/licenses have been sold to marine recreational anglers over the course of the program's existence. Since July 2007, **132,324** individual saltwater recreational licenses of all available types have been purchased, resulting in the generation of approximately **\$1.4 million** in total revenue, the vast majority of which by law must be used to benefit saltwater recreational fisheries for the state. The following are highlights of the activities, projects, and programs carried out by the Marine Resources Division that received support from the Saltwater Recreational Fisheries License Program over this past fiscal year.

## FY 2008 Highlights

**Artificial Reefs** – Fifteen artificial reef construction projects will be complete by the end of this fiscal year on permitted reef sites along the coast. These projects will include the addition of 1 tug boat, 3 deck barges, over 2000 pieces of concrete culvert, 42 NYC subway cars, and ex-U.S. army armored personnel carriers. Routine monitoring and assessment of numerous reefs were conducted throughout the year, and 9 missing reef buoys were replaced on estuarine and offshore reefs. A second printing of the SC artificial reef guide was done. An economic impact survey of SC artificial reef users was also completed which revealed that approximately 203,400 fishing trips were made to SC artificial reefs during the 2006 calendar year generating over 83 million dollars in total sales for the SC coastal economy during that year and generating nearly 1000 jobs in supporting industries. Additionally, a new project to evaluate the placement of existing artificial reefs off South Carolina in regards to oceanographic features and spawning of reef fishes was initiated and will continue in FY2009. The overall goal of this project is to collect information on both artificial and natural reefs located at similar depths in order to help improve the current network of artificial reefs to take advantage of reef fish spawning and recruitment patterns to enhance reef productivity. - \$264.6K

**Marine Fish** - SCDNR's Marine Gamefish Tagging Program continues to promote responsible angling ethics and conservation through the support of license-generated funds. Last year, 225 trained volunteer anglers tagged 1,985 fish. Information was received from 219 recaptured fish. The top species tagged and released were red drum and sheepshead. One recapture of note was a sailfin originally tagged off of Charleston in July 2005 that was recaptured in May 2007 off the coast of Cuba.

Another important component in SCDNR's effort to maintain high quality fishing opportunities is our effort to monitor recreationally important species. Staff collect size, age, and reproductive information from a variety of species. Information is collected using gear designed to catch and record data in a standardized, repeatable fashion using long-lines to catch large adult red drum offshore, trammel nets to catch smaller juvenile red and black drum, flounder, sheepshead, and seatrout inshore, and electro-shocking in estuarine waters farther upstream. SCDNR fisheries biologists also visit fishing tournaments and manage fish drop-off freezers in several locations where participating anglers can donate specimens for scientific study. Over the past year, staff collected samples from about 200 fish from fishing tournaments. Recreational anglers donated 231 additional fish through the drop-off freezer

program, and 333 tag returns were reported for red drum alone. Additionally, a new effort to provide and prepare sheepshead samples to DHEC for mercury analysis is under way.

Another useful and popular program, supported through saltwater recreational fisheries license funds, is SCDNR's red drum stocking research program. Adult wild red drum maintained in the lab during the year are conditioned to spawn by incrementally changing the day length and temperature similar to what they would experience in the wild. When conditions are right, red drum will volitionally spawn in the tanks and fertilized eggs can be collected. Larvae that are produced must then be carefully maintained in ponds. All animals produced at the Waddell Mariculture Center have a unique genotype or "genetic fingerprint" so that they can later be distinguished from their wild cohorts. When the fish held in ponds grow to approximately 1-2 inches in length they are harvested and transported to stocking sites along the coast. During FY2007, over 2.5 million red drum were released as part of a license funded project. Specifically, 2,477,692 small juvenile fish were released in the Winyah Bay, Colleton River, North Edisto, and Little rivers; 64,972 (3-4 inch fish) additional fish were released in Winyah and Little River in spring 2008. Our cutting edge genetic techniques use non-lethal sampling allowing fish to be released by the angler after removing a small tissue sample. In a spirit of true conservation, this allows anglers to participate in our program while releasing fish to be caught on another day. This project has expanded its cooperating angler program, which now includes 589 anglers who have produced 2,300 genetic samples.

An effort to assess the bycatch in the commercial channel net and shad gill net fisheries began this year to determine the potential impact these fisheries may have on recreationally important finfish species. Additionally a Marine Recreational Fisheries survey analysis was funded in order to better understand and track the attitudes, perceptions, and preferences of South Carolina marine recreational anglers by analyzing information collected by recent phone and mail surveys of recreational anglers. - \$457.4K

**Oysters** - Over 36,900 bushels of shell were planted on 6 public shellfish grounds during FY2008. Nineteen shell recycling sites, located throughout the coastal zone, continue to serve as collection points for donated shell, allowing the public to participate in oyster reef restoration and enhancement in recreational harvesting areas. A record 15,363 bushels of oyster shells were recycled in FY2008. SCDNR biologists are evaluating new ways to enhance and restore local shellfish beds. Researchers are testing different methods of placing shell on banks, covering some of the shell with materials to reduce erosion and are using volunteers to build and monitor oyster reefs in different areas and under different conditions. Additionally, license money has helped researchers expand their statewide assessment of oyster recruitment. Shellfish maps are available to the public free of charge by writing: Recreational Shellfish Maps, Shellfish Management Program, SCDNR, P.O. Box 12559, Charleston, SC 29442-2559, by calling 843-953-9854, or from the SCDNR Web site [www.dnr.sc.gov/marine/shellfish/regs.html](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/marine/shellfish/regs.html). - \$290K

**Education, Information, Outreach** - The saltwater license Website ([saltwaterfishing.sc.gov](http://saltwaterfishing.sc.gov)) continues to provide the public with updated information on rules and regulations and saltwater fishing related news. The Website averages more than 75,000 hits per month. The Coastal Informational Distribution System (CIDS) continues to distribute educational publications to numerous tackle shops, fishing piers, and marinas along the coast. The Carolina Coastal Discovery (CCD) Marine Education Program continues to provide vessel and land based education activities operating out of the Marine Resources Center in Charleston, DNR facilities in the Ashepoo-Combahee-Edisto (ACE) Basin, and in Georgetown County, reaching about 2,000 students and adults with education programs during FY2008. The CCD Program's education initiatives included marine animal dissections, a shorebird and waterfowl program, barrier island activities, catch and release angling programs, and a volunteer Monofilament Recycling Program. Additionally, CCD participated in a Public Event Series to help reflect ongoing research and management projects of the SCDNR, including highlighting various license-funded projects. CCD Program information and application forms are now available online at [www.dnr.sc.gov/ccd/](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/ccd/) - \$157K



# Hunting Rules & Regulations

[www.dnr.sc.gov/hunting.html](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/hunting.html)

**Regulations in this section apply to both private and public lands statewide, unless otherwise specified.**

Licenses and permits are required for hunting in South Carolina. Detailed information on the types of licenses and permits is located in the License Fees chapter of this book. All residents and nonresidents born after June 30, 1979, must successfully complete a hunter education course that is approved by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) before a hunting license can be obtained.

## Basic Information on Hunting:

Hunting is defined as trying to find, seek, obtain, pursue, or diligently search for game.

**Game Zones & WMAs** - South Carolina is divided into six game zones, as defined on the map below.

DNR sets and regulates the methods of harvest, bag limits and other requirements for hunting on Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) statewide.

The SC General Assembly establishes seasons, limits and methods for private land statewide. DNR is responsible for law enforcement statewide.

**Protected Game** - The following species may be hunted **ONLY** during legally established seasons: bear, beaver, bobcat, deer, fox, mink, muskrat, opossum, otter, rabbit, raccoon, skunk, squirrel, weasel, waterfowl (goose, brant and duck), bobwhite quail, mourning dove, rails (marsh hen), coot, gallinule, ruffed grouse, crow, wild turkey, common snipe and woodcock.

**Protected Nongame** - The following species are protected and may not be hunted, molested, caught, transported, sold or possessed in any manner: Alligators, birds of prey (eagles, hawks, osprey, owls, kites and vultures), nongame birds (except English sparrows, pigeons and starlings) and cougars (also known as pumas or mountain lions).

Falconers must possess a SCDNR permit.

**Alligators** - It is unlawful to feed or entice an American alligator with food (50-11-750).

Alligators may only be taken and/or possessed under authority of a permit issued by SCDNR. Such permits may be issued for problem alligators and in emergency situations, the Private Lands Program and the Alligator Hunting Season. Beginning in 2008, South Carolina will conduct the first legal public hunting season for alligators since the 1960's. Hunters will be randomly selected and can only apply online. The application and other details can be found on the SCDNR website. The deadline for applying for each year's hunt is July 15. For information about the program and licensing requirements for taking, possession and sale of alligators or their products, call 803-734-3938.

**Archery** - Means a longbow, recurve bow, compound bow or crossbow (50-11-565). There are no restrictions on draw weight/length, arrow weight/length, or broad head weight, width, or style.

**Armadillos** are not a protected species, however, a hunting license is required to hunt armadillos. Harvesting armadillos on WMA lands is limited to the current open season and weapons that are in effect for game species on the WMA. Armadillos may not be hunted at night.

**Bear** - It is unlawful to buy, sell, barter or exchange a bear or bear part. Transportation of a freshly killed bear or bear parts is unlawful except during bear season. Any person violating these offenses must be fined not more than \$2500 or imprisoned for not more than 2 years, or both, and hunting and fishing privileges must be suspended for 3 years. It is unlawful to feed bears or to hunt bears by the aid of bait (50-11-430, 50-11-440, 50-1-130, 50-1-125).

All harvested bear must be reported to the SCDNR Clemson office or 864-654-1671, ext. 19 within 24 hours of harvest.

Participants in party dog hunts for bear must register before Sept. 15 with SCDNR. 25 members maximum per party. Write: SCDNR Bear Registration Permit, 311 Natural Resources Dr., Clemson, SC 29631.

**Crows** - A hunting license and free Migratory Bird (HIP) Permit are required to hunt crows. Crows are migratory birds and as such, are a federally protected species. The season is based on criteria established by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The open season for crows on private lands in South Carolina is November 1 - March 1. There is no bag limit. During the open season on private lands crows may be taken with any firearm, bow and arrow, or by falconry. Crow hunting on WMA lands is permitted. During the open season for small game hunting on WMAs, crows may only be hunted with weapons legal for small game. In Game Zone 1 no buckshot or rifles greater than .22 rimfire may be used except during deer and bear season (50-11-380). The

use of electronic calls for crow hunting is permitted statewide on private land and WMA land. Crows damaging crops may be taken at any time without a federal permit (50 CFR 21.43).

**Deer** - Legal hunting time for deer is the time between one hour before official sunrise until one hour after official sunset (50-11-710).

In Game Zones 1 and 2 it is unlawful to pursue deer with dogs, and it is unlawful to bait for deer (50-11-310).

It is unlawful to hunt, shoot or in any way kill deer from a motorboat, raft or any other water conveyance, or to molest deer while any part of the deer is in water.

Possessing any deer with the head detached while in transit from the point of kill is prohibited.

It is unlawful to hunt deer within 300 yards of a residence without permission of the owner and occupant, except that a landowner may hunt on his own land.

Archery, muzzleloaders and crossbows are allowed during gun hunts.

**Antlerless Deer** - An antlerless deer is defined as a deer with no antlers or an antlered deer with less than two inches of antler visible above the hairline (50-11-410).

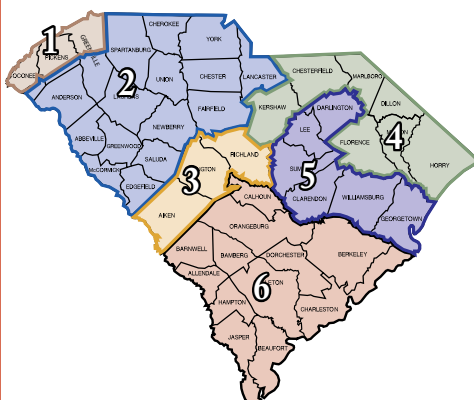
Antlerless deer may not be possessed, hunted, shot or in any way killed except during special seasons or by special permit.

**Antlerless Deer Harvest Programs** are conducted statewide using either-sex days and 2 optional antlerless deer tag programs. The dates for either-sex days are shown in the hunting season section beginning on page 37.

Optional antlerless deer tag programs that hunters may choose to participate in include the **Individual Antlerless Deer Tag Program** and the **Antlerless Deer Quota Program (ADQP)**. Both programs are in effect statewide (50-11-390).

With the **Individual Antlerless Deer Tag Program** hunters can purchase either 2 or 4 tags per person, for \$5 each, which can be used on any day open to deer hunting with the following Game Zone restrictions: **Tags are not valid in Game Zone 1 (Mountains)**. In Game Zone 2 (Piedmont) tags are valid on public and private land starting Oct. 1. In **Game Zones 3-6 (Coastal Plain)** tags are valid on private lands and "unnamed" small WMAs starting Sept. 15. Tags are also valid on Sand Hills State Forest WMA in Chesterfield Co., North Dike WMA in Berkeley Co., Longleaf Pine WMA in Lee County and Francis Marion National Forest in Berkeley and Charleston Counties during still gun hunts for deer starting Sept. 15. Tags do not have to be used on scheduled county-wide either-sex days. Tags are not valid on properties enrolled in the Antlerless Deer Quota Program. Tags do not alter the daily or seasonal bag limits prescribed for Game Zones.

## South Carolina Game Zones



All persons purchasing tags in past years will be sent a renewal notice in August. New applicants may complete the application provided on page 53 or contact DNR Deer Project at 803-734-3886 to receive an application. The possession and use of these tags are limited to the purchaser.

**Antlerless Deer Quota Program** - Antlerless deer quotas are issued to qualifying land owners or lessees statewide who complete and submit an application along with a \$50 fee prior to July 18, each year. This program is generally better suited for landowners or lessees with larger acreages. Under the ADQP, a quota of tags is issued for a particular tract of land based on criteria including: density of the local deer population, condition of the local deer population, the size of the tract of land, and the recreational and agricultural objectives of the property owner.

Utilization of tags issued under the ADQP is subject to the following Game Zone restrictions. Game Zone 1 (Mountains) tags are valid beginning Oct. 1. Game Zone 2 (Central & Western Piedmont) and Game Zones 3-6 (Coastal Plain) beginning Sept. 15. Tags issued for a particular tract of land can only be used on that tract and they must be used on all antlerless deer that are harvested including antlerless deer harvested on either-sex days or by bow and arrow in Game Zones 1 & 2. Tags do not alter the daily or seasonal bag limits or use of weapons during special weapons seasons in Game Zones 1 & 2. A harvest report must be completed by the applicant at the close of the season.

**Feral Hogs and Coyotes** - A hunting license is required to hunt feral hogs and coyotes. Coyotes may be hunted at night only as prescribed in the "Night Hunting" section on the following page. Hogs may not be hunted at night. There is no closed season or weapons restrictions for hunting feral hogs and coyotes on private lands statewide with the following exceptions; in Game Zone 1 it is unlawful to have in possession any firearm loaded with buckshot or larger shot or a rifle or ammunition greater than .22 rimfire except during deer and bear season (50-11-380). Feral hog and coyote hunting on WMA lands is permitted during any open season for game unless otherwise restricted. (See individual WMAs.) On WMA lands, weapons used to hunt hogs and coyotes are limited to the weapon(s) that are allowed for the current open season on the WMA - see WMA seasons listing in the Game Zones sections beginning on page 44. No Sunday hunting on WMA lands. The use of electronic calls for feral hog and coyote hunting is permitted statewide on private and WMA lands. Dog hunting for feral hogs and coyotes is allowed year-round on private lands statewide. Deer may not be hunted with dogs on any WMA lands in Game Zones 1 & 2. On WMA lands in Game Zones 1 & 2 feral hogs and coyotes may not be hunted with dogs during still gun and muzzleloader hunts for deer or bear. The possession or transport of live coyotes is allowed only by permit from SCDNR. No hogs may be taken live from any WMA in the

state. It is unlawful to release or transport for the purpose of release, hogs for hunting purposes or in an attempt to establish or supplement a free roaming population (50-16-25).

**Importation & Possession** - It is unlawful to import, possess or transport for the purpose of release or to introduce or bring into this state any live wildlife of the following types without a permit from the department: a member of the family Cervidae (deer, moose, elk, etc.), coyote, bear, turkey, furbearers (fox, raccoon, opossum, muskrat, mink, skunk, otter, bobcat, weasel and beaver), a nondomestic member of the families Suidae or Tayassuidae (pigs), Bovidae (bison, mountain goat, mountain sheep). (50-16-20).

The importation or sale of live wolves is prohibited in South Carolina, except for exhibition or scientific purposes upon the approval of SCDNR as provided by regulations. It is unlawful to import coyotes. The sale of coyotes is allowed only by permit from SCDNR (50-11-2630). A person may not have a live wolf in his possession without a SCDNR permit.

*Note: DNR does not advocate or encourage keeping wildlife in captivity.*

**Primitive Weapons** - For special primitive weapons seasons, primitive weapons include bow and arrow, crossbows, and muzzleloading shotguns of twenty gauge or larger, and rifles of .36 caliber or larger with open or peep sights or scopes, which use black powder or a black powder substitute that does not contain nitro-cellulose or nitro-glycerin components as the propellant charge. There are no restrictions on ignition systems including flintstone, percussion cap, shotgun primer, disk, or electronic. During primitive weapons season, no revolving rifles are permitted. (50-11-310)

**Turkey** - Season dates: Game Zone 6 private land only, March 15-May 1. Game Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and selected Wildlife Management Areas, April 1-May 1. See page 39 for season dates and regulations for WMA and private land. No Sunday hunting on WMAs.

**Small Game** - Small game includes the following species: quail, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, fox, beaver, bobcat, mink, muskrat, otter, skunk, grouse and weasel. Unless otherwise specified in the small game seasons charts on page 38, hunt dates for these species are from Thanksgiving day through March 1.

**Migratory Birds** - Migratory birds include: mourning dove, marsh hens, rails, woodcock, common snipe, common moorhens, purple gallinules, ducks, mergansers, sea ducks, coots, blue & snow geese, brant, Canada geese and crows.

Effective July 1, 1998, anyone over 16 or all licensed hunters hunting migratory game birds in the United States must have an HIP permit and complete a short questionnaire before hunting. Free permits are available at license vendors.

Seasons, shooting hours, limits, and other special restrictions on migratory bird hunting are set by SCDNR in accordance with guidelines set by the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Detailed

information on the seasons and restrictions is provided in a separate Migratory Bird Brochure available in September.

Listed below are frequently requested rules for hunting migratory birds.

- Shotguns must be plugged so as to hold no more than 3 shells.
- Baiting or hunting over bait is strictly prohibited.
- All hunting hours end at official sunset.
- The possession of lead shot is prohibited while waterfowl hunting.
- State and Federal Waterfowl stamps are required for hunting ducks, geese, coots and gallinules. (See exceptions in License section on page 11.)

Refer to the Migratory Bird Brochure for complete information on particular species and other restrictions.

**Bird Dog Training** - Bird dogs may be trained year-round on private land. Trainers must have a valid hunting license and may only use firearms with blank ammunition during the closed season for quail. A Bird Dog Trainer's License is available to persons engaged in the business of training bird dogs in return for money, goods or services. This license allows a trainer and two assistants to take pen-raised quail during the closed season while training dogs. Applicants must provide documentation of land areas to be used for training. For information, or to obtain a license, contact SCDNR Small Game Project at P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202 or call 803-734-3609.

**Calls, recorded or electronically amplified** - It is illegal to hunt, catch, take, kill or attempt to hunt, catch, take or kill any game bird or game animal with the aid of recorded calls or sounds or recorded or electronically amplified imitations of calls or sounds. Crows, coyotes or hogs are not game birds/animals and therefore can be hunted using electronic calls during daylight hours on private lands and WMA lands.

**Crossbows** - Crossbows may be used on private lands and WMA lands statewide during all archery, muzzleloader or gun seasons for deer, bear and turkey.

**Deer Processors** - It is unlawful to keep any deer in cold storage or refrigerating plants unless the carcass is clearly marked with the hunter's name, address, and hunting license number (50-11-1700). This does not apply to storage at a private residence or to deer that have an Individual Antlerless Deer Tag Program tag attached to the hamstring since the hunter's name, address, and tag number appear on the face of the tag. Deer processors should recognize that it is unlawful to sell deer meat to regain the processing fee for deer that have not been picked-up by the owner (50-11-1910). The best practice is to take a deposit for the processing service when deer are left at the facility. If meat is not picked-up by the owner it can be given to another individual at no charge.

**Field Trials** - It is unlawful to conduct or participate in any field trial unless a permit for



such trial has been obtained from SCDNR. Requests for field trial permits must be submitted to SCDNR at least 14 days prior to the proposed trial date. Requests shall include payment of \$5 per trial and the time and location of the proposed trial. A charter or document indicating that the trial is sanctioned by a nationally recognized field trial organization must accompany all requests for field trial permits. For information, or to obtain a permit, contact SCDNR Small Game Project at P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202 or call 803-734-3609.

**Hunting from Public Roads** - It is unlawful to hunt from a public road unless the hunter has permission to hunt the adjacent property. Hunting as used in this section includes possessing, carrying, or having readily accessible, a loaded centerfire rifle, or a shotgun loaded with shot size larger than number four. Loaded means a weapon within which any ammunition is contained. This does not include weapons contained in a closed compartment, closed vehicle trunk, or a vehicle traveling on a public road. A person convicted of unlawful road hunting forfeits hunting privileges for one year. See **WMA Regulations Page 33** for restrictions on WMA lands.

**Negligent Hunting** - It is unlawful to use a firearm or archery tackle, in a criminally negligent manner, while in preparation for, engaged in the act of, or returning from hunting. Criminal negligence is defined as the reckless disregard for the safety of others.

**Night** - Night is defined as that period of time between one hour after official sunset of a day and one hour before official sunrise of the following day. (50-11-710).

**Night Hunting** - Night hunting is unlawful except that raccoons, opossums, foxes, mink, coyotes and skunk may be hunted at night; however, they may not be hunted with artificial lights except when treed or cornered with dogs. No buckshot or any shot larger than a No. 4, or any ammunition larger than 22 rimfire may be used. It is unlawful to use artificial lights at night, except vehicle headlights, while traveling in a normal manner on a public road or highway, while in possession of or with immediate access to both ammunition of a type prohibited for use at night and a firearm capable of firing the ammunition (50-11-710). Rabbit hunting at night without weapons is lawful on private land.

**Rabbit Boxes** - It is unlawful for any person to trap rabbits, except that a landlord or tenant may use not more than five rabbit boxes on lands on which he has exclusive control during the gun season for rabbits. A hunting license is required to use rabbit boxes. Rabbit boxes are not permitted on WMA lands (50-11-160).

**Running Seasons (No gun season)** - During any period when rabbits, raccoons, opossums, squirrels or fox may be hunted without firearms, it is illegal to hunt such game when carrying on ones person or in ones vehicle any firearm.

**Shining** - In all game zones, the use of artificial lights for the purpose of observing or harassing wildlife is unlawful, except that a property owner, lessee, or person with written permission from

the property owner may use artificial lights to observe wildlife prior to 11:00 p.m. This section does not prohibit an owner of real property from using artificial lights for the purpose of protecting the property. This section does not prohibit the use of remote trail monitors or cameras from fixed locations on a property, nor does it prohibit a person or group, with written permission of the landowner or leaseholder of the property, from observing wildlife with the use of artificial lights who is engaged in research or documentary filming. (50-11-708)

**Selling Game Animals** - It is unlawful to sell, except by special permit, any protected wildlife. Furbearing animals may be sold with a valid commercial fur harvest license. Contact SCDNR for a copy of the commercial fur harvest regulations.

**Sunday Hunting** - Hunting is prohibited on Sundays on all WMA lands. On private lands statewide Sunday hunting for all game is legal except bear hunting which is prohibited on Sundays in Game Zone 1.

**Transporting Firearms** - There are no SCDNR restrictions on transporting firearms by licensed hunters and fishermen in a vehicle to and from the place of hunting and fishing except on WMA lands. For regulations on WMA lands see Weapons 3.4 on page 33.

**Trapping** - Regulations are available in a separate brochure.

**Trespass** - It shall be unlawful to enter upon the lands of another for the purpose of hunting, fishing, trapping or retrieval of dogs without the consent of the landowner or manager.

## Rifle Ranges

SCDNR operates three rifle ranges that are open for use during certain hours which are subject to change according to time of year, hunting seasons, etc. To confirm hours of operation, call the SCDNR Clemson office at 864-654-1671 ext. 18 or for Palachucola Range call 803-625-3569.

**Pickens County Range** - From Easley, take SC Hwy. 8 approximately 4 miles towards Pickens. Turn left on Breazeale Road. Drive ½ mile beyond SC Dept. of Transportation Maintenance Shop and turn left on Porter Rd. Go approximately ½ mile, turn left at the red gate. The range is located at the end of the gravel road.

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 9 am - 5 pm (EST) or as posted. Closed Sunday and Monday. For more info call 864-855-5747.

**SCDNR James O. Thomason Firing Range** - (Spartanburg Co.) From Pauline, take SC Hwy. 215 approximately ½ mile east toward Glenn Springs. Turn left on Foster Mill Road and drive 2.5 miles (paved road becomes gravel road). Range is on the left side of the road.

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 9 am - 5 pm (EST). Closed Sunday and Monday.

**Palachucola Range** - (Hampton Co.) - 8:00 am-dark, Wednesday & Saturday except during deer & turkey hunts. Dates are posted at the range or call 803-625-3569 for more

information.

**Manchester State Forest Rifle Range** - (SC Forestry Commission, Sumter County) Open Saturday and Sunday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm, \$5.00 per day or \$25.00 per year. Hearing protection required. For more info., call 803-494-8196.

## US Forest Service Rifle Ranges

**Cedar Creek Rifle Range** - (Oconee Co.) Year round. Fully accessible to disabled visitors. Three of five shooting tables are under a shelter. For more info. call 864-638-9568 or FAX 864-638-2659.

**Candy Branch Rifle Range** - (Abbeville Co.) Year round, sunrise to sunset. Five firing lines with left or right benches including one accessible to disabled visitors. For more info. call 803-637-5396 or Fax 803-637-2273.

**Beaverdam Rifle Range** - (Edgefield Co.) Year round, sunrise to sunset. Eight open firing lines with left or right benches. For more info. call 803-637-5396 or Fax 803-637-2273.

**Fairforest Rifle Range** - (Union Co.), **Leeds Rifle Range** (Chester Co.), **Philson Crossroads Rifle Range** (Laurens Co.), **Indian Creek Rifle Range** (Newberry Co.) Year round, day use. All have six firing lanes, left and right benches are available, including one bench accessible to disabled visitors (except Leeds Rifle Range). For more info. call 864-427-9858 or Fax 864-427-3529.

**Francis Marion Rifle Ranges** - Year round, daylight hours only. Shooting tables, including one fully-accessible to disabled visitors. For more info. call Wambaw District at 843-887-3257 or Fax 843-887-3848 or Witherbee District at 843-336-3248 or Fax 843-336-4789.

## WMA Abuse

Any person who damages, destroys or misuses WMA lands or improvements on them including, but not limited to roads, vegetation, buildings, structures or fences, or leaves refuse, trash or other debris on the property, or sets, makes or builds a fire (except in an area specially designated as a campfire area), operates a motor conveyance on areas or roads closed to operation, target practices, camps in areas except for designated campsites, disregards safety or restrictive postings as designated by the landowner or who otherwise abuses, damages, destroys or misuses wildlife management areas is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined \$200 and be required to make restitution to the landowner in an amount determined by the court to be necessary to repair, rebuild, restore or clean up the property to its condition before the abuse occurred. A person who is convicted of damaging, destroying, abusing or misusing Wildlife Management Area land twice in a three-year period shall lose the privilege of entering WMA land for one year (50-11-2210).



# WMA Regulations [www.dnr.sc.gov/wma/](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/wma/)

## WMA Public Drawing Hunts

The SCDNR offers a variety of WMA hunts through computerized drawings. Hunt fees range from \$10 to \$100 per hunter and must be submitted at the time of application. Applications for deer hunts are available in July, waterfowl and quail hunts in September, and youth/adult only turkey hunts in February. Deadlines to apply for draw hunts are generally mid-August (deer), mid-October for quail and waterfowl and early March for youth turkey hunts. Applications are available at SCDNR offices statewide (refer to directory on page 61) or write SCDNR Public Drawing Hunts, PO Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202 or visit our web site at [www.dnr.sc.gov/hunting/drawhunts.html](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/hunting/drawhunts.html)

### GENERAL REGULATIONS

On all SCDNR owned WMA lands the removal of artifacts or ecofacts (including arrowheads) from the surface or subsurface is prohibited except when approved by the State Historic Preservation Office and carried out in accordance with their guidelines.

See page 37 for regulations on private lands in Game Zones 1 & 2.

Statutes 50-11-2200 and 50-11-2210 authorize the promulgation of WMA regulations. See specific game zones for seasons.

**2.1** Except as provided in these regulations, it is unlawful to hunt or take wildlife on areas designated by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) as Wildlife Management Area (WMA) lands.

**2.2** Entry onto WMA land is done wholly and completely at the risk of the individual. Neither the landowner or the State of South Carolina nor the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources accepts any responsibility for acts, omissions, or activities or conditions on these lands which cause or may cause personal injury or property damage.

**2.3** Entry onto WMA land constitutes consent to an inspection and search of the person, game bag or creel.

**2.4** It is unlawful for anyone to hunt or take wildlife on WMA land unless an individual is in possession of a valid South Carolina license; a valid WMA permit; and other applicable federal or state permits, stamps, or licenses.

**2.5** No Sunday hunting is permitted on any WMA lands.

**2.6** On all WMA lands, baiting or hunting over a baited area is prohibited. As used in this section, "bait" or "baiting" means the placing, depositing, exposing, distributing, or scattering of shelled, shucked, or unshucked corn, wheat, or other grain or other food stuffs to constitute an attraction, lure, or enticement to, on, or over any area. "Baited area" means an area where bait is directly or indirectly placed, deposited, exposed, distributed, or scattered and the area remains a baited area for ten (10) days following the complete removal of all bait. Salt/minerals are not considered bait.

**2.7** On WMA lands construction or use of tree stands is prohibited if the tree stand is constructed by driving nails or other devices into trees or if wire is wrapped around trees. Other tree stands and temporary screw-in type climbing devices are permitted provided they are not permanently affixed or embedded in the tree. All stands must be removed by the end of deer hunting season.

**2.8** On WMA lands any hunter younger than sixteen (16) years of age must be accompanied by an adult (21 years or older) who is validly licensed and holds applicable permits, licenses or stamps for the use of WMA lands. Sight and voice contact must be maintained.

**2.9** Notwithstanding any other provision of these regulations, the Department may permit special seasons on any day during the regular hunting season.

**2.10** No person may release or attempt to release any animal onto WMA lands without approval from the Department.

**2.11** While participating in a hunt on WMAs, no person may possess, consume or be under the influence of intoxicants, including beer, wine, liquor or drugs.

**2.12** On WMA lands, during the designated statewide youth deer hunt day, still hunting only, two deer, either-sex.

**2.13** Taking or destroying timber, other forest products or cutting firewood on WMA lands without written permission from the landowner or his agents is prohibited. Users of WMA lands are prohibited from planting, attempting to plant, burning or otherwise attempting to manipulate crops, natural vegetation or openings without written permission from the landowner or his agent.

### WEAPONS

**3.1** On WMA lands hunters may use any shotgun, rifle, bow and arrow or hand gun except that specific weapons may be prohibited on certain hunts. Small game hunters may possess or use shotguns with shot no larger than No. 2 or .22 or smaller rimfire rifles/handguns or primitive muzzle-loading rifles of .40 caliber or smaller. Small game hunters may not possess or use buckshot, slugs or shot larger than No. 2. Blow guns, dart guns or drugged arrows are not permitted. Small game hunters using archery equipment must use small game tips on the arrows (judo points, bludgeon points, etc.).

**3.2** For Special Primitive Weapons Seasons, primitive weapons include bow and arrow, crossbow and muzzle-loading shotguns (20 gauge or larger) and rifles (.36 caliber or larger) with open or peep sights or scopes, which use black powder or a black powder substitute that does not contain nitro-cellulose or nitro-glycerin components as the propellant charge; there are no restrictions on ignition systems (e.g. Flintstone, percussion cap, shotgun primer, disk, electronic, etc.). During primitive weapons season, no revolving rifles are permitted.

**3.3** On WMA lands, big game hunters are not allowed to use military or hard-jacketed bullets or .22 or smaller rimfire. Buckshot is prohibited during still hunts for deer or hogs on the Santee Coastal Reserve, Bucksport, Pee Dee Station Site, Lewis Ocean Bay, Great Pee Dee, Crackerneck, Webb Center, Marsh Furniture, Manchester State Forest, Palachucola, Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve, Donnelley, Francis Marion, Moultrie, Edisto River, Bonneau Ferry and McBee WMA lands.

**3.4** On WMAs during periods when hunting is permitted, all firearms transported in vehicles must be unloaded and secured in a weapons case, or in the trunk of a vehicle or in a locked toolbox. On the Francis Marion Hunt Unit during deer hunts with dogs, loaded shotguns may be transported in vehicles. Any shotgun, centerfire rifle or rimfire rifle or pistol with a shell in the chamber or magazine or muzzleloader with a cap on the nipple or flintlock with powder in the flash pan is considered loaded.

**3.5** No target practice is permitted on WMA lands except in specifically designated areas.

**3.6** On WMA lands during still gun hunts for deer or hogs there shall be no hunting or shooting from, on or across any road open to vehicle traffic. During any deer or hog hunt there shall be no open season for hunting on any designated recreational trail on U.S Forest Service or S.C. Public Service Authority property.

### DEER

**4.1** On WMA lands with designated check stations, all deer bagged must be checked at a check station. Deer bagged too late for reporting one day must be reported the following day. Unless otherwise specified by the department, only bucks (male deer) may be taken on all WMA lands. Male deer must have antlers visible two (2) inches above the hairline to be legally bagged on "bucks only" hunts. Male deer with visible antlers of less than two (2) inches above the hairline must be taken only on either-sex days or pursuant to permits issued by the department. A point is any projection at least one inch long and longer than wide at some location at least one inch from the tip of the projection. Antler spread is the greatest outside measurement (main beam or points) on a plane perpendicular to the skull. On WMA lands, man drives for deer are permitted between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. only, except that no man drives may be conducted on days designated by the department for taking deer of either-sex. On WMA lands, drivers participating in man drives are prohibited from carrying or using weapons. On WMA lands, in Game Zones 1 & 2 man drives will be permitted on the last four (4) scheduled either-sex days. A man drive is defined as an organized hunting technique involving two (2) or more individuals whereby an attempt is made to drive game animals from cover



or habitat for the purpose of shooting, killing or moving such animals toward other hunters.

**4.2** Deer either-sex days for gun hunts are as follows (*See Game Zone sections beginning on page 44 for specific dates*):

- Game Zone 1: The first three Saturdays in November.
- Game Zones 2-6: Every Saturday from Oct. 1 to the Saturday after Thanksgiving Day inclusive; Saturdays in December beginning 23 days after Thanksgiving Day and the last day of the open season.

## **DOGS**

**5.1** On all WMA lands, dogs may be used for small game hunting unless otherwise specified.

**5.2** On all WMA lands in Game Zones 1 & 2, dogs may not be used for rabbit hunting during still gun hunts for deer or bear. Dogs may be used from the close of the gun season for deer until the close of the rabbit season. Dogs may be trained for rabbit hunting from September 1 through September 30 (no guns).

**5.3** On WMA lands, dogs may be used for hunting foxes, coyotes, raccoons, bobcats or opossums only between thirty (30) minutes after official sunset and thirty (30) minutes before official sunrise.

**5.4** The Department may permit deer hunting with dogs on WMA areas not located in Game Zones 1 & 2. For the purposes of tracking a wounded deer, a hunter may use one dog which is kept on a leash.

**5.5** Dogs may be used to hunt bear on WMA lands in Game Zone 1 during the special party dog bear season.

## **VEHICLES**

All terrain vehicles (ATV's) are not allowed on any Heritage Preserve (51-17-130).

**6.1** On all WMA lands, no hunter may shoot from a vehicle except that mobility impaired hunters may take game from any stationary motor driven land conveyance or trailer which is operated in compliance with these rules. For purposes of this regulation, mobility impaired means individuals who are permanently confined to a wheelchair, permanently require the use of two crutches, permanently require the use of a walker to walk, or persons with single or double leg amputations. Written confirmation of permanent impairment is required from a physician or qualifying agency.

**6.2** On WMA lands, motor driven land conveyances must be operated only on designated roads or trails. Unless otherwise specified, roads or trails which are closed by barricades and/or signs, either permanently or temporarily, are off limits to motor-driven land conveyances.

**6.3** It is unlawful to obstruct travel routes on WMA lands.

## **VISIBLE COLOR CLOTHING**

**7.1** On WMA lands during any gun and muzzleloader hunting season for deer, bear and hogs, all hunters, including small game hunters, must wear either a hat, coat, or vest of solid visible international orange, except hunters for dove, turkey and duck are exempt from this requirement while hunting for those species.

## **CAMPING**

**8.1** Camping is not permitted on WMA lands except in designated camp sites.

## **TRAPPING**

**9.1** Trapping on WMA lands is not permitted.

## **WATERFOWL & DOVE REGULATIONS**

Dates, times, locations and regulations for hunts on designated Dove Management Areas (public dove fields) are printed annually. The Public Dove Field List is available August 1 by calling 803-734-3886 or on the SCDNR website at [www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/smallgame/dove.html](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/smallgame/dove.html).

Specific seasons, limits and regulations for waterfowl hunting are printed annually in the SC Migratory Bird Regulations available in September.

**10.1** Unless specially designated by the Department as a Wildlife Management Area for Waterfowl or a Wildlife Management Area for Dove, all Wildlife Management Areas are open during the regular season for hunting and taking of migratory birds except where restricted to special small game seasons within the regular migratory bird framework.

**10.2** The Department may designate sections of Wildlife Management

Areas and other lands and waters under the control of the Department as Designated Waterfowl Management Areas or Designated Dove Management Areas. All laws and regulations governing Wildlife Management Areas apply to these special areas. In addition, the Department may set special shooting hours, bag limits, and methods of hunting and taking waterfowl and doves on those areas. All State and Federal migratory bird laws and regulations apply. Regulations pertaining to the use of Dove Management Areas will be filed annually.

**10.3** On areas where blinds are not provided, only temporary blinds of native vegetation may be constructed, and once vacated become available for others or portable blinds which are removed at the conclusion of the hunt may be used.

**10.4** On Designated Waterfowl Areas, no species other than waterfowl may be taken during waterfowl hunts. On Designated Dove Management Areas no species other than doves may be taken during dove hunts. Only dove hunting is allowed at Lake Wallace WMA.

**10.5** No fishing is permitted in any Category 1 Designated Waterfowl Management Area during scheduled waterfowl hunts.

**10.6** The Clarks Hill Waterfowl Area is closed to hunting except for waterfowl hunting and other special hunts as designated by the SCDNR.

**10.7** Santee Cooper WMA is closed to public access from October 20 until March 1, except for special hunts designated by the SCDNR.

**10.8** Sandy Beach Waterfowl Area and impoundments on Bonneau Ferry WMA are closed to public access during the period Nov. 1 until Mar. 1, except for special hunts designated by the Department.

**10.9** Broad River Waterfowl Management Area is closed to public access during the period Nov. 1 until Feb. 1, except for special hunts designated by the Department.

**10.10** Impoundments on Bear Island, Donnelley, Samworth, Santee Coastal Reserve and Santee Delta WMAs are closed to all public access during the period Oct. 15 until Feb. 8, except during special hunts designated by the Department. All public access during the period Feb. 9 until Oct. 14 is limited to designated areas. On Bear Island WMA, Matthews Canal is closed to all hunting from Nov. 1 - Feb. 15 beyond a point 0.8 mile from the confluence of Matthews Canal with the South Edisto River.

**10.11** Potato Creek Hatchery Waterfowl Area is closed to public access one week prior to opening of waterfowl season through January 31, except for scheduled waterfowl hunts. No fishing one week prior to opening of waterfowl season through January 31. All hunters must enter and leave the Potato Creek Hatchery Waterfowl Area through the designated public landing on secondary road 260 and complete a data card and deposit card in receptacle prior to leaving the area. Hunting hours are from 30 minutes before legal sunrise to legal sunset (including the special youth hunt). Hunters may not enter the area prior to 3:00 a.m. on hunt days. No airboats are allowed for hunting or fishing and no hunting from secondary road 260.

**10.12** Hunters may not enter Hatchery WMA prior to 3 AM and must leave the area by 1 PM except on the last Saturday of waterfowl season when hunters may hunt until sunset. Each hunter is limited to twenty-five nontoxic shot shells (steel, bismuth/tin, bismuth, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-iron) per hunt and no buckshot allowed. Hunters must enter and leave Hatchery WMA through the Hatchery Landing and accurately complete a data card and deposit card in receptacle prior to leaving the area. No airboats are allowed in the Hatchery WMA for hunting or fishing during the period Nov. 15 until Jan. 31. No fishing is allowed during scheduled waterfowl hunts.

**10.14** The Francis Marion National Forest, Crackerneck WMA, Palachucola WMA, Tillman Sand Ridge WMA and Webb WMA are open during special small game seasons within the regular migratory bird seasons; Fant's Grove WMA is open AM only on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the regular migratory bird seasons; Palachucola WMA, Tillman Sand Ridge WMA, Hamilton Ridge WMA and Webb WMA are open AM only for waterfowl hunting during the regular migratory bird seasons.

**10.15** Category I Designated Waterfowl Areas include Beaverdam, Bonneau Ferry, Broad River, Clemson, Santee Cooper, Sandy Beach, Samworth, Santee Coastal Reserve, Santee-Delta, Tibwin, Bear Island, and Donnelley Wildlife Management Areas. Hunting in Category I

Designated Waterfowl Areas is by special permit obtained through annual computer drawing.

**10.16** Category II Designated Waterfowl Areas include Biedler Impoundment, Carr Creek (bounded by Samworth WMA), Little Carr Creek (bounded by Samworth WMA), Lake Cunningham, Russell Creek, Monticello Reservoir, Parr Reservoir, Duncan Creek, Dunaway, Dungannon, Enoree River, Moultrie, Hatchery, Hickory Top, Hickory Top Greentree Reservoir, Lancaster Reservoir, Turtle Island, Little Pee Dee River Complex (including Ervin Dargan, Horace Tilghman), Great Pee Dee River, Potato Creek Hatchery, Sampson Island Unit (Bear Island), Tyger River, Marsh, Wee Tee, 40 Acre Rock, Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve, 40 Acre Rock, Ditch Pond, and Woodbury Waterfowl Management Areas. Hunting on Category II Designated Waterfowl Areas is in accordance with scheduled dates and times.

### DESIGNATED WATERFOWL AREAS

Area	Open dates inclusive	Bag Limits
Biedler Impoundment (Sumter Co.)	Sat. AM only during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Bear Island (Colleton Co.)	Hunters selected by drawing during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Beaverdam (Anderson Co.)	Hunters selected by drawing during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Bonneau Ferry (Berkeley Co.)	Hunters selected by drawing.	Federal Limits
Broad River (Fairfield Co.)	Hunters selected by drawing.	Federal Limits
Carr Creek (bounded by Samworth WMA)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Ditch Pond (Aiken/Barnwell Cos.)	Wed. AM only during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Donnelley (Colleton Co.)	Hunters selected by drawing.	Federal Limits
Dunaway (Union Co.)	Sat. AM only during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Duncan Creek (Laurens Co.)	Sat. AM only during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Dungannon (Charleston Co.)	Wed. AM only during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Enoree River (Newberry Co.)	Sat. AM only during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Clemson (Anderson Co.)	Hunters selected by drawing.	Federal Limits
Hatchery (Berkeley Co.)	Sat. AM only and until sunset on the last Sat. of the regular waterfowl season.	Federal Limits
Hickory Top (Clarendon Co.)	Federal waterfowl seasons.	Federal Limits
Hickory Top Greentree Reservoir (Clarendon Co.)	Sat. AM until 11:00am only during the regular season. No season on roads or dikes.	Federal Limits
Lake Cunningham (Greenville Co)	Wed. AM only during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Lancaster Reservoir (Lancaster Co)	Mon. and Fri. AM only during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Little Carr Creek (bounded by Samworth WMA)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Marsh (Marion Co)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.	Federal Limits

Monticello Reservoir (Fairfield Co.)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Moultrie (Berkeley Co.)	Mon. through Sat. during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Parr Reservoir (Fairfield/Newberry Co.)	Mon. through Sat. during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Potato Creek Hatchery (Clarendon Co.)	Wed. and Sat. only during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Russell Creek (McCormick Co.)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Sampson Island Unit (Bear Island) (Colleton Co.)	Thurs. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Samworth (Georgetown Co.)	Hunters selected by drawing.	Federal Limits
Sandy Beach (Berkeley Co.)	Hunters selected by drawing.	Federal Limits
Santee Coastal Res. (Charleston/Georgetown Co.'s)	Hunters selected by drawing.	Federal Limits
Santee Cooper (Orangeburg Co.)	Hunters selected by drawing.	Federal Limits
Santee-Delta (Georgetown Co.)	Hunters selected by drawing.	Federal Limits
Tibwin (Charleston Co)	Special hunts by drawing.	Federal Limits
Turtle Island (Jasper Co.)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Tyger River (Union Co.)	Sat. AM only during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Great Pee Dee (Darlington Co.)	Wednesdays during federal waterfowl season. From legal shooting hours until 12:00 noon.	Federal Limits
Little Pee Dee River Complex (Horry/Marion Cos)	Wednesdays during Federal waterfowl season. From legal shooting hours until 12:00 noon.	Federal Limits
Waccamaw River HP (Horry Co.)	Wed. and Sat. AM only.	Federal Limits
Wee Tee (Williamsburg/Georgetown Cos)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.	Federal Limits
Woodbury (Marion Co.)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.	Federal Limits
40 Acre Rock (Lancaster Co.)	Sat. AM only during the regular season.	Federal Limits

**10.17** On Hickory Top WMA public waterfowl hunting without a Wildlife Management Area (WMA) permit is allowed on all land and water below 76.8'. Waterfowl hunting at or above elevation 76.8' requires a WMA permit. A WMA permit is required for waterfowl hunting in Hickory Top Greentree Reservoir.

**10.18** Designated Dove Management Areas include all dove management areas as published by the Department in the annual listing of WMA public dove fields and are subject to regulations filed annually.

**10.19** Hickory Top Greentree Reservoir is closed to hunting access November 1 until March 1, except for special hunts designated by SCDNR. All hunters must accurately complete a data card and deposit card in receptacle prior to leaving the area. Hunting hours are from 30 minutes before legal sunrise until 11:00 am. Hunters may not enter the area prior to 5:00 am on hunt days. No open season from roads or the dike system. Hunters may only use electric motors on boats.

**10.20** On all state-owned, US Forest Service and other Federally-owned



Category I and II Waterfowl Management Areas, each hunter is limited to 25 non-toxic shells (steel, bismuth/tin, bismuth, tungsten, polymer, tungsten-iron) per hunt and no buckshot allowed.

**10.21** On Enoree River, Dunaway, Duncan Creek, Russell Creek and Tiger River Waterfowl Areas, data cards are required for hunter access during scheduled waterfowl hunts. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving each of these areas.

**10.22** Woodbury Waterfowl Management Area includes all SCDNR/owned property south of US Hwy 378 and bounded on the West by the Great Pee Dee River and Bluff Road and to the East by the Little Pee Dee River except no waterfowl hunting allowed in the area known as Hass Pond that is bounded on all sides by Hass Pond Road.

### **AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES**

**11.1** Taking of any amphibian or reptile, except the bullfrog, is prohibited on any Department-owned Wildlife Management Areas without written permission of the Department.

### **123-53. BEAR HUNTING RULES AND SEASONS (50-11-430)**

1. The open season for taking bears by still hunting in Game Zone 1 is Monday through Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in October. 1 bear, no bears 100 lbs. or less, no sow with cubs at her side.

2. The open season for taking bears with the aid of dogs by a party permitted by the Department in Game Zone 1 is Monday through Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> week in October. 3 bears per party, no bears 100 lbs. or less, no sow with cubs at her side. Maximum party size is 25. Groups hunting together are considered 1 party.

3. All parties must register with SCDNR Bear Permit Registration, 311 Natural Resources Drive, Clemson, SC 29631 by September 15. All harvested bear must be reported to the Clemson Wildlife Office @ 864-654-1671 ext. 19 within 24 hours of harvest.

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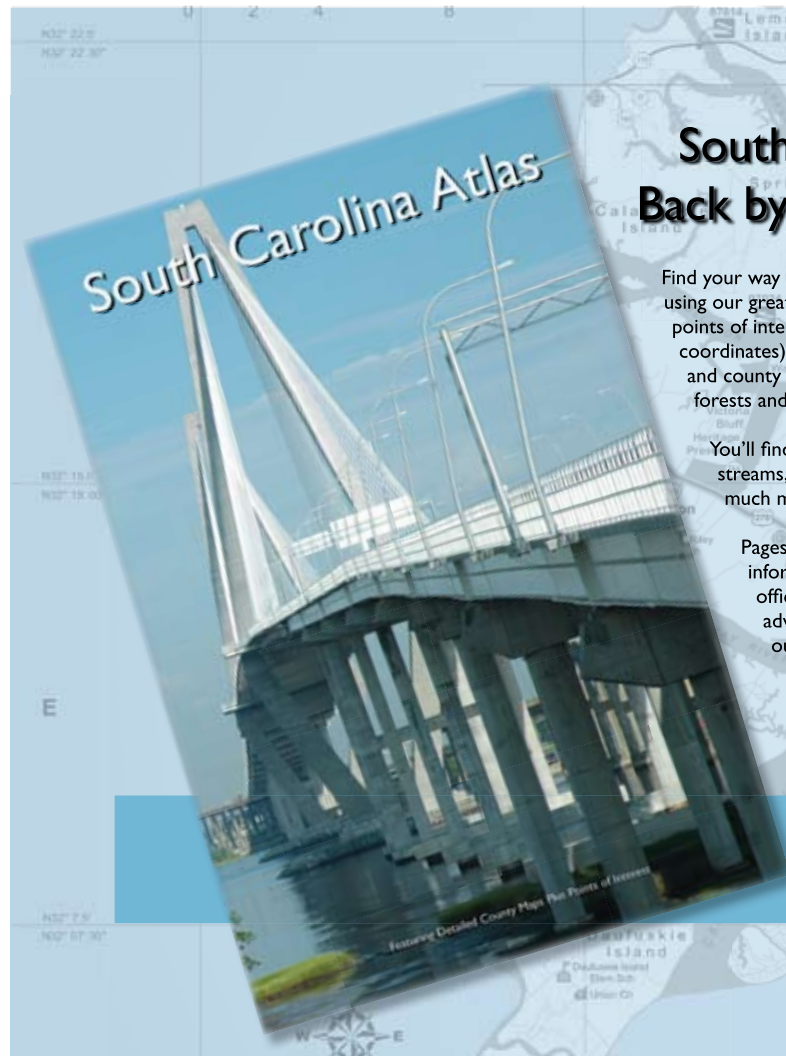
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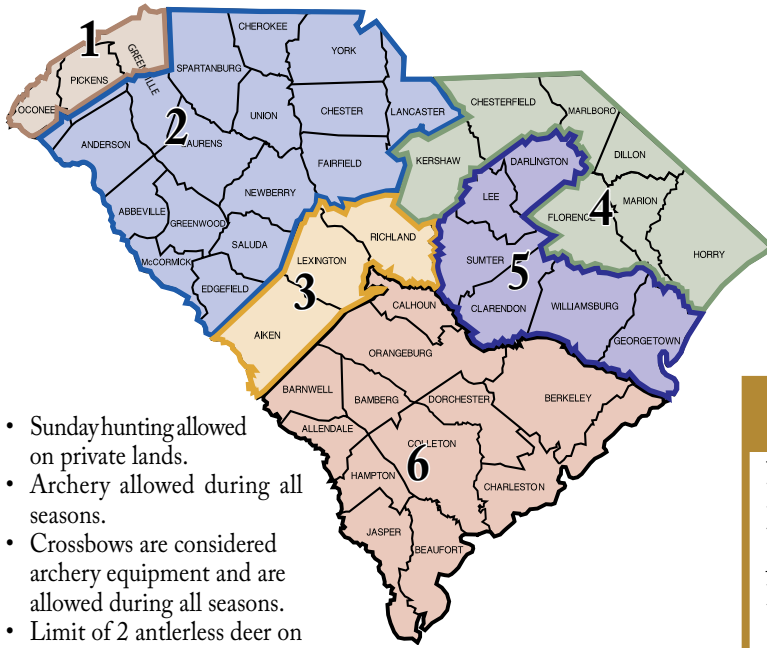
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# Deer Seasons on Private Lands [www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/deer/](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/deer/)



- Sunday hunting allowed on private lands.
- Archery allowed during all seasons.
- Crossbows are considered archery equipment and are allowed during all seasons.
- Limit of 2 antlerless deer on posted either sex days.
- Limits listed include deer taken on private & WMA lands.
- Individual Antlerless Deer Tags are not valid in Game Zone 1. Tags are valid in Game Zones 3-6 beginning Sept. 15 and in Game Zone 2 beginning Oct. 1. Individual tags are not valid on properties enrolled in the Antlerless Deer Quota Program. Tags do not alter the daily or seasonal limit or change the type of weapon that can be used during special weapons seasons.
- In Game Zones 1 and 2 it is unlawful to pursue deer with dogs, and it is unlawful to bait for deer (50-11-310). Salt/minerals are not considered bait.

## Game Zone 1 Private Lands

Limit 5 antlered deer for all seasons combined.

Archery & Muzzleloaders: Oct. 1 - Oct. 10, Limit 2 per day, 2 deer total. Archers may take either-sex during all seasons (archery, muzzleloader, and gun). Muzzleloader is buck only

Gun Hunts: Limit: 2 per day, 7 deer total  
Buck only: Oct. 11 - 16, Oct. 31. - Jan. 1  
Either-Sex: Nov. 1, 8, 15

## Game Zone 2 Private Lands

Limit 5 antlered deer for all seasons combined.

Archery: Sept. 15 - 30, Limit 2 per day, 3 deer total either-sex. Archers may take either-sex during all seasons (archery, muzzleloader, and gun).

Muzzleloaders: Oct. 1 - 10, Limit 2 deer total, buck only either-sex: Oct. 4

Gun Hunts: Oct. 11 - Jan. 1, Limit: 2 per day, 10 deer total  
Either-Sex: Oct. 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 1

## Statewide Youth Day

Private lands

January 3rd Limit 2 either-sex

No tags required

## Game Zone 3 Private Lands

No limit on antlered bucks.

Limit 2 antlerless deer on either-sex days.

Archery & Gun Hunts: Aug. 15 - Jan. 1, buck only  
Either-Sex: Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 1

## Game Zone 4 Private Lands

No limit on antlered bucks.

Limit 2 antlerless deer on either-sex days.

Archery Only: Sept. 1-14, buck only  
Gun Hunts: Sept. 15-Jan. 1, buck only  
Either-Sex: Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 1

## Game Zone 5 Private Lands

No limit on antlered bucks.

Limit 2 antlerless deer on either-sex days.

Archery Only: Aug. 15-31, buck only  
Gun Hunts: Sept. 1-Jan. 1, buck only  
Either-Sex: Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 1

## Game Zone 6 Private Lands

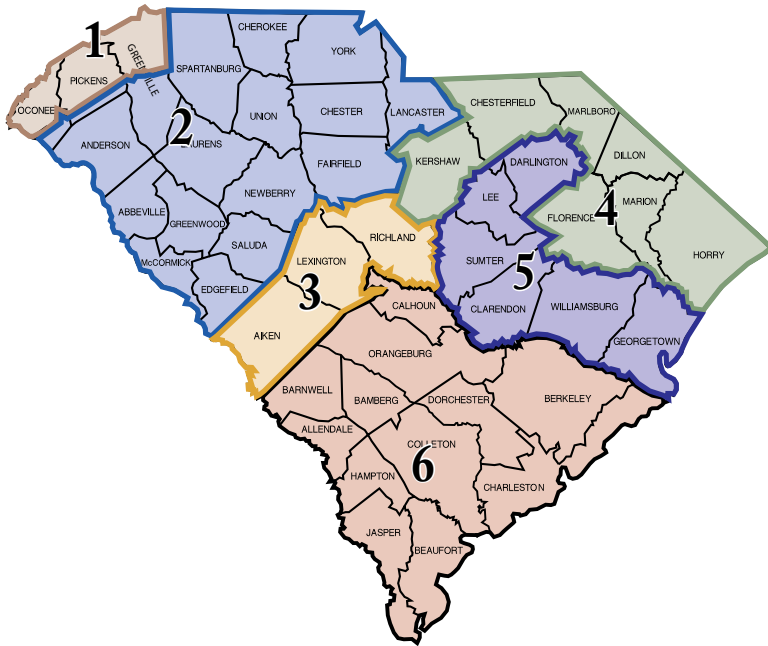
No limit on antlered bucks.

Limit 2 antlerless deer on either-sex days.

Archery & Gun Hunts: Aug. 15 - Jan. 1, buck only  
Either-Sex: Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 1



# Small Game Seasons on Private Lands



## Statewide Youth Day

### Private lands

#### Game Zone limits apply

Raccoon: September 13, 2008

Squirrel: September 27, 2008

Quail: November 22, 2008

Rabbit: March 7, 2009

## All Game Zones

### Statewide Seasons on Private Lands

Mourning Doves	Sept 1-6 (afternoons only) Sept. 7-Oct. 4 Nov. 22-29 Dec. 19-Jan. 15	15 per day
Crow	Nov. 1-Mar. 1	No Limit
Quail	Mar. 2-Nov. 23, 2008 (dogs only) Nov. 24-Mar. 1 (guns & dogs) Mar. 2-Nov. 22, 2009 (dogs only)	12 per day
Rabbit	Mar. 2, 2008-Nov. 26, 2008 (dogs only) Nov. 27-Mar. 1 (guns & dogs) Mar. 2-Nov. 25, 2009 (dogs only)	5 per day
Squirrel	Mar. 2-Sept. 30, 2008 (dogs only) Oct. 1-Mar. 1 (guns & dogs) Mar. 2-Sept. 30, 2009 (dogs only)	10 per day
Fox	Nov. 27-Mar. 1 (guns & dogs) Mar. 2-Nov. 25, 2009 (no guns)	No Limit
Beaver	Year-round	No Limit
Coyote	Year-round Electronic calls are legal	No Limit
Other Furbearers (Bobcat, Otter, Mink, Muskrat, Skunk, Weasel)	Nov. 27-Mar. 1	No Limit
Grouse	Nov. 27-Mar. 1 Game Zone 1 only	3 per day

## Game Zone 1 & 2 Private Lands

Raccoon & Opossum: Mar. 2 - Oct. 14, 2008 (dogs only)  
Oct. 15 - Mar. 2, 2009, 3 per party per day  
no limit for opossum  
Mar. 3 - Oct. 14, 2009 (dogs only)

**Special Firearms Note for hunting in GZ 1:** No shotguns with buckshot/slugs or rifles larger than .22 rimfire, or muzzleloaders greater than .40 cal allowed outside of the open season for deer and bear.

## Game Zone 3 & 6 Private Lands

Raccoon & Opossum: Mar. 16 - Sept. 14, 2008 (dogs only)  
Sept. 15, 2008 - Mar. 15, 2009 (guns & dogs) no limit  
Mar. 16 -Sept. 14, 2009 (dogs only)

## Game Zone 4 & 5 Private Lands

Raccoon & Opossum: Mar. 16 -Sept. 14, 2008 (dogs only)  
Sept. 15, 2008 - Mar. 15, 2009 (guns & dogs)  
3 per party per day  
no limit for opossum  
Mar. 16 -Sept. 14, 2009 (dogs only)

# Turkey Seasons on Private Lands and WMAs

[www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/turkey/](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/turkey/)

## Game Zone 1 2 3 4 & 5 Private Lands

Possession and use of tags required. April 1 - May 1

Limit 5 gobblers per season, no more than 2 per day, except 2 total gobblers for Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Horry, Lee, Lexington, Marion, Marlboro, Richland and Sumter Counties.

## Game Zone 6 Private Lands

Possession and use of tags required.

March 15 - May 1

Limit 5 gobblers statewide, no more than 2 per day

## Statewide Youth Day

March 28

Limit 2 gobblers

Possession and use of tags required.

## General turkey hunting laws and regulations for hunting on private & WMA lands

- Sunday hunting allowed on private lands (SC 50-11-555). No Sunday hunting allowed on WMA land (Reg. 123-51).
- Statewide limit of 5 gobblers, no more than 2 per day (Reg. 123-51).
- All hunters, including hunters younger than 16, must possess a set of turkey tags. All harvested turkeys must be tagged prior to transporting. No person may possess more than one set of turkey tags (SC 50-11-544).
- Legal weapons - shotguns, muzzleloading shotguns, bows and crossbows. All other weapons or methods are prohibited including rifles, pistols, buckshot (50-11-500, Reg. 123-51).
- Turkeys may not be hunted with dogs, live decoys or electronic calls (SC 50-11-40, Reg. 123-51).
- Unlawful to shoot any turkey between 30 minutes after official sunset and 30 minutes before official sunrise. Unlawful to take or attempt to take a wild turkey from a vehicle on a public road. Unlawful to trap or snare wild turkey. Unlawful to take wild turkey from a watercraft (SC 50-11-500).
- Unlawful to hunt or take a wild turkey by means of bait or on or over any baited area (50-11-510). Bait means placing, depositing, exposing, distributing, or scattering of salt, corn, wheat, or other grain, or foodstuffs to constitute a lure or attraction for wild turkeys. NOTE: The following activities can result in a baited area if done prior to or during turkey season: discing or manipulating chufa to expose the tubers; mowing or manipulating standing grain crops where grain is scattered or exposed; top sowing of any grains.

## Wildlife Management Areas Open to Turkey Hunting April 1 - May 1

### AREAS OPEN

<sup>1</sup> Keowee WMA	BAG
Fants Grove WMA	2
Francis Marion Hunt Unit (WMA Only)	2
Sand Hills State Forest WMA	2
<sup>4</sup> Webb-Palachucola	2
Manchester State Forest WMA (Wed-Sat Only)	2
Moultrie Hunt Unit (Wed & Sat Only)	2
Bluefield WMA (Adult/youth Only, Wed & Sat Only)	2
Santee Dam WMA	2
Edisto River WMA (Wed. Only)	2
<sup>4</sup> Oak Lea WMA (Wed Only)	2
Marsh Furniture WMA (Wed & Sat Only)	2
McBee WMA (Wed & Sat Only)	2
Hickory Top WMA	2
<sup>3</sup> Pee Dee Station Site WMA (Wed & Sat Only)	1
<sup>5</sup> Great Pee Dee River WMA (Wed & Sat Only)	1
Tillman Sand Ridge WMA (Fri & Sat Only)	2
Lewis Ocean Bay HP (Fri & Sat Only)	1
Waccamaw River HP (Fri & Sat Only)	1
Bucksport WMA (Fri & Sat Only)	1
Cartwheel Bay HP (Fri & Sat Only)	1
<sup>3</sup> Little Pee Dee River Complex (Fri & Sat Only)	1
Victoria Bluff WMA (Fri & Sat Only)	1
<sup>2</sup> Crackerneck WMA (Fri & Sat Only)	5
Worth Mountain WMA (Wed. & Sat Only)	2
Draper WMA (Wed. & Sat Only)	2
Wee Tee State Forest (Wed. & Sat Only)	2
Woodbury WMA (Wed-Sat Only)	2
<sup>4</sup> Hamilton Ridge WMA	2
Aiken Gopher Tortoise HP WMA	2
Longleaf Pine HP WMA (Wed. & Sat. Only)	2

**Statewide Youth Hunt Day (Tags required) March 28**  
See page 57 for WMAs open on youth day.

**SAVANNAH RIVER SITE DRAW HUNTS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**  
Savannah River Site will hold a draw hunt for persons

with disabilities in April. For hunt applications, contact Illana Burkhardt, NWTF, 800-843-6983 ext. 7421

### WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA PUBLIC HUNT DRAWINGS

Donnelley WMA, Santee Cooper WMA & Bonneau Ferry WMA (Adult/Youth).  
Turkey hunts available by public hunt drawing ONLY. To receive an application, please write: SCDNR Turkey Hunts, PO Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202 or call 803-734-3886. Deadline for applications is February 29.

### US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

The turkey season for all US Army Corps of Engineers lands, in Game Zones 1 and 2, is the same as the WMA turkey season unless otherwise posted.

### CAROLINA SANDHILLS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Turkey hunts available by public hunt drawing only. Contact: Carolina Sandhills NWR, 23734 Hwy 1, McBee, SC 29101 or call 843-335-6026

<sup>1</sup> Keowee WMA - Shotguns only -- north of Hwy 123 and west of the Keowee Arm of Lake Hartwell to Hwy 291 and west of Hwy 291. Archery Only on other sections.

<sup>2</sup> Crackerneck WMA - Main gate opens at 4:30 am and closed at 1:00 pm. All hunters must check in and out at main gate.

<sup>3</sup> Little Pee Dee River Complex includes Tilghman, Dargan (including upper Gunters Is. and Huggins tracts), Little Pee Dee River, and Ward Heritage Preserves in portions of Horry and Marion counties.

<sup>4</sup> On Webb, Palachucola, Hamilton Ridge and Oak Lea WMAs, all turkey hunters must pick up and return data cards daily to kiosk and display hang tags on vehicles. Harvested turkeys must be checked in at the self-check kiosk located adjacent to the check stations at the respective properties.

<sup>5</sup> On Pee Dee Station site WMA and Great Pee Dee River WMA, all hunters must pickup and return data cars at kiosk.

### How to get Turkey Tags.

Most hunters now receive their turkey tags by mail. Tags are mailed in late February. Look at your hunting license to determine if you will receive your tags by mail. If "turkey tags" or "turkey tags will be sent by DNR" appears on the license then you should get the tags by mail. If you do not get the tags by mail, they will be available at DNR offices and some local vendors that sell hunting licenses beginning the first week in March. They are also available online, beginning the first of February, at [www.dnr.sc.gov/turkeytags/](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/turkeytags/).



# The Heritage Trust Program: Heritage Preserves

[www.dnr.sc.gov/managed/heritage.html](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/managed/heritage.html)

## The Heritage Trust Program

The Heritage Trust Program, part of the Habitat Protection Section of the SCDNR's Land, Water and Conservation Division, has acquired 70 Heritage Preserves encompassing 82,725 acres statewide. Heritage Preserves are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division and protect significant natural and cultural resources. Public recreation is allowed on most preserves.

Twenty-four preserves (52,032 acres: 64% of the total acreage in the Heritage Trust Program) are also Wildlife Management Areas; these are open to public hunting in accordance with certain guidelines. Hunting is not allowed on the remaining preserves because of their small size, public safety factors or other legal, security, or biological factors.

Many roads are gated because Heritage Preserves contain unique, sensitive and rare elements vulnerable to vehicular and inordinate foot traffic. Bag limits and season lengths on Heritage Preserves are set with the aim of restoring or maintaining ecological integrity. Hunting, besides being an important recreational activity, is an important management tool on and near certain Heritage Preserves. The Heritage Trust Program has followed the lead of several other WMAs and prohibits fox squirrel hunting.

Cultural resources are strictly protected on Heritage Preserves. All projectile points (arrowheads) are protected. It is illegal to take or otherwise disturb any cultural resource or to possess a metal detector on any Heritage Preserve.

All snakes (including venomous snakes) and other reptiles and amphibians, as well as any non-game plant or animal, are protected on all Heritage Preserves. It is illegal to harm or harass any of these animals or disturb plants.

## SCDNR Heritage Preserve Regulations

1. Visitation and use of Heritage Preserves are governed by regulations to promote public enjoyment of the land while preserving the features that make them special.
2. Heritage preserves are open for public use from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset unless otherwise posted or publicized. Exceptions may occur for a special hunting season or field trip, in designated camping areas or for approved research or other projects.
3. Parking is allowed only for preserve visitors and only in designated areas (which may be parking lots and/or roadsides, depending on the preserve). Any other parking is prohibited. No vehicle shall block any road, regardless of whether the road is gated.
4. Collection, removal, possession of, or damaging or destroying any nongame animal, plant, rock, fossil, artifact, or ecofact, or the possession of a metal detector on a Heritage Preserve are all prohibited without written permission from the SCDNR.
5. No person shall abuse, damage, deface or destroy land, structures, signs or improvements on a Heritage Preserve.
6. There shall be no placement of trash, debris, rubbish, waste, or chemicals on preserves.
7. The consumption or display of any alcoholic beverage while operating or riding as a passenger in any vehicle and public drunkenness are not allowed. Alcoholic beverages may only be consumed by a person of lawful age only while camping at a designated campsite.
8. Camping and fires are not permitted unless areas have been designated or special written permission from SCDNR has been granted.
9. All terrain vehicles (ATVs) are prohibited on all Heritage Preserves.
10. Motorized vehicles are allowed only on designated roadways. Bicycles, horses and other conveyances are allowed only on designated trails of specified preserves.
11. Hunting is allowed only on designated preserves and only in accordance with Wildlife Management Area regulations.
12. Firearms are not allowed, except on Heritage Preserves designated as Wildlife Management Areas and then only in accordance with Wildlife Management Area regulations or as otherwise provided by state law. Target and other practice shooting are prohibited.
13. No plants, animals or other organisms may be introduced on the property.
14. All or part of a Heritage Preserve may be closed to the public to protect a species, or natural, cultural, historical or archaeological features.
15. A violation of any Heritage Preserve regulation is punishable under SC Code of Laws 51-17-130.

## Heritage Preserve WMAs Contacts

### Game Zone 1

864-654-1671, Ex. 24  
Brasstown Creek (Oconee Co.), Buzzard Roost (Oconee Co.),  
Watson-Cooper (Greenville Co.), Chestnut Ridge (Greenville  
Co.), Ashmore (Greenville Co.), Eastatoe Creek (Pickens  
Co.), Laurel Fork (Pickens Co.) Wadakoe Mountain (Pickens  
County), Chandler (Greenville Co.)

### Game Zone 2

803-419-9374 Rock Hill Blackjacks (York Co.),  
Forty Acre Rock (Lancaster Co.)  
864-654-1671, Ex. 24 Stevens Creek (McCormick and  
Edgefield Cos.)

### Game Zone 3

803-734-3886  
Aiken Gopher Tortoise (Aiken Co.)  
Ditch Pond (Aiken/Barnwell Co.)  
Henderson (Aiken Co.)

### Game Zone 4

843-546-3226  
Lewis Ocean Bay (Horry Co.), Cartwheel Bay (Horry Co.),  
Waccamaw River (Horry Co.), Little Pee Dee River Complex  
(Horry and Marion Cos.)

### Game Zone 5

803-419-9374  
Lynchburg Savannah (Lee Co.), Longleaf Pine (Lee Co.),  
Great Pee Dee River (Darlington Co.)

### Game Zone 6

843-546-3226 Tillman Sand Ridge (Jasper Co.),  
Victoria Bluff (Beaufort Co.)  
843-844-8957 St. Helena Sound (Colleton Co.),  
Dungannon (Charleston Co.)

# Wildlife Management Areas [www.dnr.sc.gov/wma/](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/wma/)

## WMA Program

Through the cooperative effort of private landowners, the U.S. Forest Service and the SCDNR, Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) are provided for the enjoyment of all wildlife enthusiasts. Funds generated from the sale of WMA permits enable DNR to lease approximately 1.1 million acres of land for wildlife conservation and

management.

Heritage Preserves are properties acquired by SCDNR for the primary purpose of protecting habitat for rare and endangered species. Some Heritage Preserves offer game hunting opportunities, and therefore, are included in the WMA Program.

All persons using WMA lands are reminded that only U.S. Forest Service lands and those areas marked by WMA signs are open to the public.

Lands not posted with these signs are the property of private individuals, and landowner permission must be obtained.

General locations of the areas described below are shown on the map on pages 42-43. For detailed maps showing these and other WMA lands, write WMA MAPS, SCDNR, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC, 29202, call 803-734-3886 or visit [www.dnr.sc.gov/wma/maps.html](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/wma/maps.html).

## Wildlife Management Area Properties



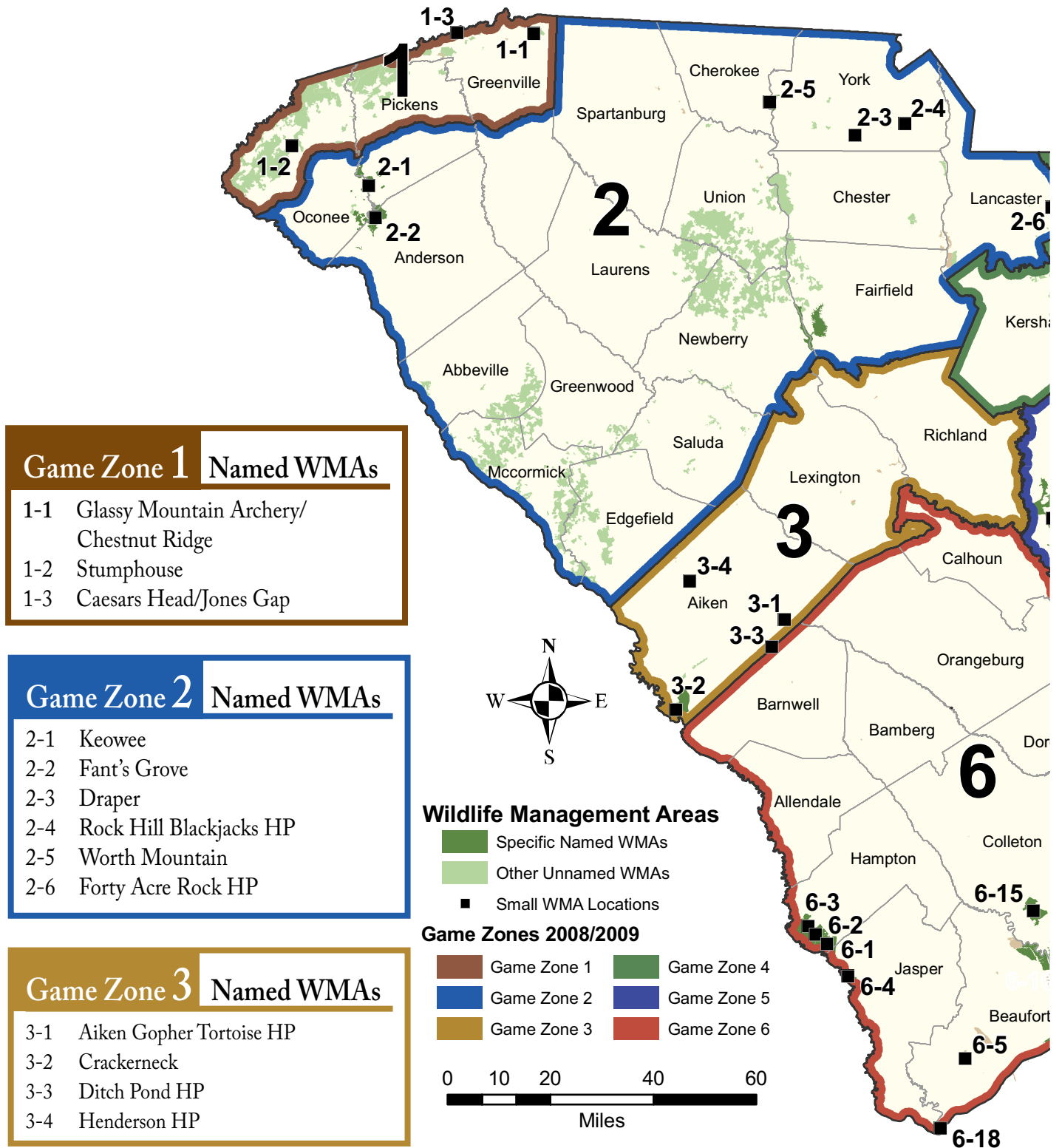
WMA properties should be marked with these yellow and black signs.

Open dates for each season are listed in the Hunt Seasons section beginning on page 44 of this book. Note: \* indicates SCDNR Property.

Wildlife Management Area	Acreage	Map #	County	Telephone	Hunting Opportunities Available											
					Deer	Hogs	Bear	Turkey	Dove	Waterfowl	Quail	Squirrel	Rabbit	Raccoon	Fox	
Aiken Gopher Tortoise Heritage Preserve*	1,622	3	Aiken	803-755-2834	x			x			x	x	x	x		
Bear Island*	12,153	10	Colleton	843-844-8957	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x		
Bonneau Ferry*	10,712	9	Berkeley	843-825-3387	x	x		x			x	x	x	x		
Canal	2,491	9	Berkeley	843-825-3387					x		x					
Cartwheel Bay Heritage Preserve*	568	8	Horry	843-546-3226	x			x					x	x		
Central Piedmont Hunt Unit	183,706	4,5,6	Cherokee, Chester, Fairfield, Lancaster, Laurens, Newberry, Spartanburg, Union, York	803-734-3886	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Crackerneck	10,470	3	Aiken	803-725-3663	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Ditch Pond Heritage Preserve*	233	3	Aiken, Barnwell	803-734-3886	x			x				x	x			
Donnelley*	8,060	10	Colleton	843-844-8957	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Draper*, McConnells*, Ross*	1,360	5	York	864-427-5140	x			x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Dungannon Heritage Preserve*	643	9,10	Charleston	843-844-8957	x					x						
Edisto River*	1,394	10	Dorchester	843-844-8957	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Fants Grove	7,444	1,2	Anderson, Oconee, Pickens	864-654-1671	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Francis Marion National Forest	258,816	9,10	Berkeley, Charleston	843-825-3387	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Great Pee Dee Heritage Preserve*	2,725	6,7	Darlington	843-661-4768	x	x		x			x	x				
Hamilton Ridge	13,281	10	Hampton	803-625-3569	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Hatchery	2,400	9	Berkeley	843-825-3387	x					x						
Henderson Heritage Preserve*	417	3	Aiken	803-734-3886	x											
Hickory Top	1,105	7	Clarendon	803-655-5809	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Keowee	4,930	1	Pickens, Oconee	864-654-1671	x			x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Lewis Ocean Bay Heritage Preserve*	9,343	8	Horry	843-546-3226	x			x				x	x	x	x	x
Little Pee Dee Heritage Preserve* Complex	10,238	8	Horry, Marion	843-546-3226	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Longleaf Pine Heritage Preserve*	843	7	Lee	803-419-9374	x			x			x	x	x			
Lynchburg Savannah Heritage Preserve*	291	7	Lee	803-419-9374							x		x			
Manchester State Forest	23,135	7	Sumter	803-494-8196	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Marsh WMA*	8,560	8	Marion	843-661-4768	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
McBee*, Angelus*, Crossroads*	1,199	6	Chesterfield	843-661-4768	x			x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Moultrie	9,480	9	Berkeley	843-825-3387	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Mountain Hunt Unit	154,261	1,2	Greenville, Oconee, Pickens	864-654-1671	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Oak Lea WMA	2,000	7	Clarendon	803-655-5809	x			x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
Old Island Heritage Preserve*	400	10	Beaufort	803-625-3569	x											
Palachuola*	6,757	10	Hampton, Jasper	803-625-3569	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Parr Hydroelectric Project	4,400	4,5	Fairfield, Newberry	803-609-6992	x					x			x	x		
Pee Dee Station Site	2,701	8	Florence	843-661-4768	x	x		x			x	x	x	x	x	x
Rock Hill Blackjacks Heritage Preserve*	291	5	York	864-419-9374	x											
Samworth*	1,588	9	Georgetown	843-546-8665	x	x			x	x						
Sand Hills State Forest	46,000	5,6,7	Chesterfield, Darlington	843-661-4768	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Sandy Island	9,165	9	Georgetown	843-546-3226	x	x										
Santee Coastal*	24,000	9,10	Charleston, Georgetown	843-546-8665	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x		
Santee Cooper	3,144	7	Orangeburg	803-655-5809	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Santee Dam	575	7	Clarendon	803-655-5809	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Santee-Delta*	1,722	9	Georgetown	843-546-8665	x	x				x						
St. Helena Sound Heritage Preserve*	10,302	10	Beaufort	843-844-8957	x					x					x	
Tillman Sand Ridge Heritage Preserve*	1,422	10	Jasper	803-625-3569	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Turtle Island*	1,700	10	Jasper	803-625-3569						x						
Victoria Bluff Heritage Preserve*	1,113	10	Beaufort	803-625-3569	x			x					x	x	x	x
Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve*	5,387	8	Horry	843-546-3226	x	x		x	x	x		x		x		
Webb*	5,860	10	Hampton	803-625-3569	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Wee Tee	12,439	9,10	Williamsburg, Georgetown	843-661-4768	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Western Piedmont Hunt Unit	146,561	2,3,4	Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, McCormick, Saluda	864-223-2731	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Woodbury	25,668	8	Marion	843-661-4768	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Worth Mountain	1,643	5	York	864-427-5140	x			x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x



# Named Wildlife Management Areas

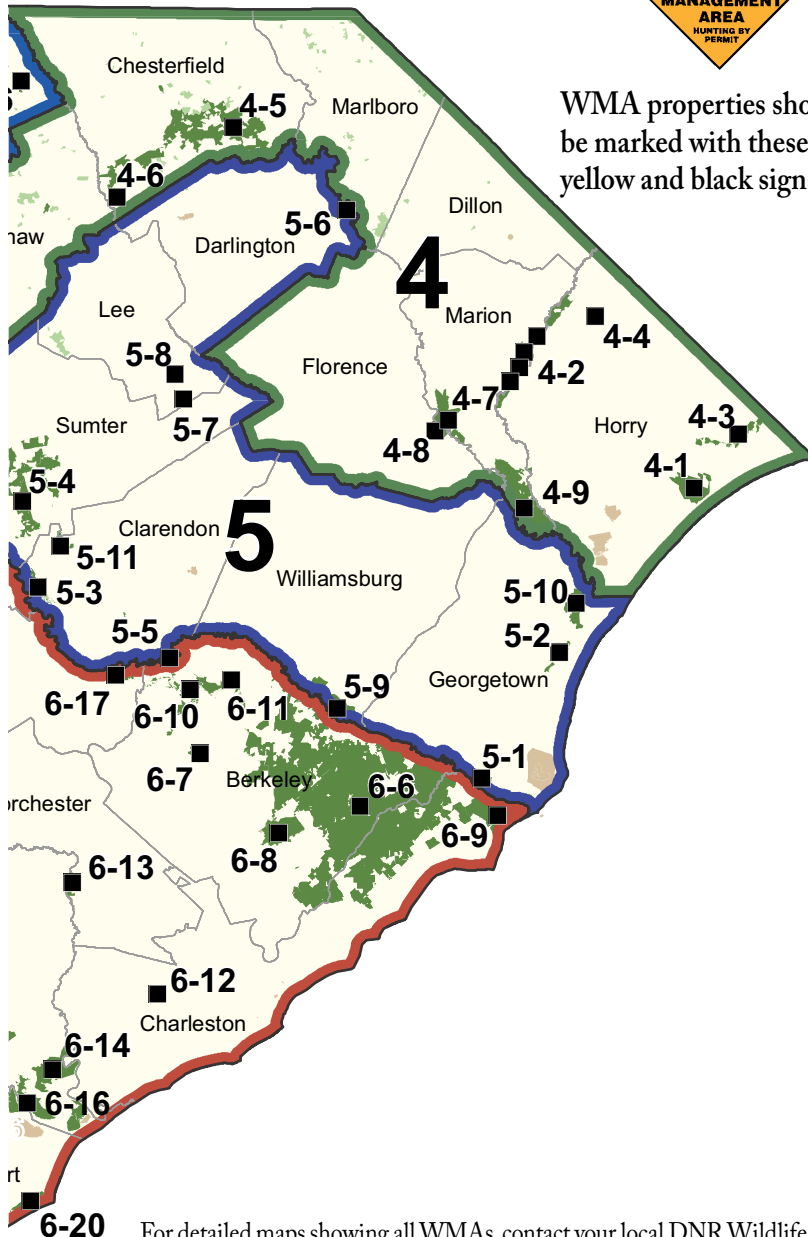


There are two types of property included in the Wildlife Management Area Program: “**specific**” named WMA’s and “**other**” unnamed WMA’s. Other WMA lands occur as scattered tracts, often leased from private landowners and the forest industry. The hunting seasons for these unnamed properties are set by Game Zone with all the “other” WMA tracts within a particular Game Zone having the same seasons. These “other” WMA lands are shown as unlabeled green tracts on the WMA maps.

“Specific” WMAs are generally larger tracts of land, many owned and managed by DNR and have special seasons. These “named” WMAs are shown as labeled dark green tracts on the WMA maps. The hunting seasons for named WMAs are listed within each Game Zone.



WMA properties should be marked with these yellow and black signs.



For detailed maps showing all WMAs, contact your local DNR Wildlife Management Office (see page 61) or write: WMA Maps, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202 803-734-3886. Request by county of interest.

**New:** To view and print WMA maps from the internet go to

[www.dnr.sc.gov/wma/maps.html](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/wma/maps.html)

## Game Zone 4 Named WMAs

- 4-1 Lewis Ocean Bay HP
- 4-2 Little Pee Dee HP
- 4-3 Waccamaw River HP
- 4-4 Cartwheel Bay HP
- 4-5 Sandhills State Forest
- 4-6 McBee
- 4-7 Marsh
- 4-8 Pee Dee Station Site
- 4-9 Woodbury

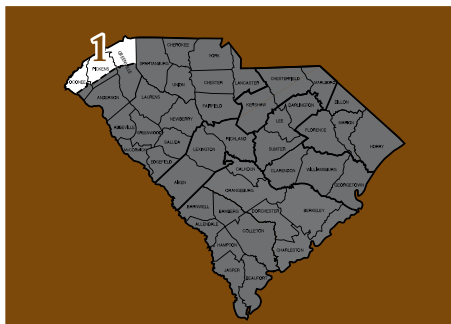
## Game Zone 5 Named WMAs

- 5-1 Santee-Delta
- 5-2 Samworth
- 5-3 Hickory Top
- 5-4 Manchester State Forest
- 5-5 Santee Dam
- 5-6 Great Pee Dee HP
- 5-7 Longleaf Pine HP
- 5-8 Lynchburg Savannah HP
- 5-9 Wee Tee
- 5-10 Sandy Island
- 5-11 Oak Lea

## Game Zone 6 Named WMAs

- 6-1 Palachucola
- 6-2 Webb
- 6-3 Hamilton Ridge
- 6-4 Tillman Sand Ridge HP
- 6-5 Victoria Bluff HP
- 6-6 Francis Marion NF
- 6-7 Hatchery
- 6-8 Bonneau Ferry
- 6-9 Santee Coastal Reserve
- 6-10 Moultrie
- 6-11 Canal
- 6-12 Dungannon HP
- 6-13 Edisto
- 6-14 Bear Island
- 6-15 Donnelley
- 6-16 St. Helena Sound HP
- 6-17 Santee Cooper
- 6-18 Turtle Island
- 6-20 Old Island HP





# GAME ZONE 1

## Mountain Hunt Unit: Oconee, Pickens & Greenville Counties

Game Zone 1 consists of all properties north of the main line of the Norfolk Southern Railroad from the Georgia State line to South Carolina Hwy 183 in Westminster, then north of SC Hwy 183 to intersection of SC Hwy 183 and the Norfolk So. Railroad main line in Greenville and then north of the main line of the Norfolk So. Railroad to the Spartanburg County line.

This Section WMA Only. For private land laws, regulations and seasons, see pages 30-32, 37-39.

### SCDNR offices

- Wildlife Office, 311 Natural Resources Drive, Clemson, SC 29631, 864-654-1671
- Law Enforcement Office, 311 Natural Resources Drive, Clemson, SC 29631, 864-654-8266

## Deer – other WMAs

- Sunday hunting for deer is prohibited on WMAs.
- Individual antlerless deer tags are not valid on WMA land in Game Zone 1.
- Limits listed are a combined total per person for both private & WMA lands.
- No more than 5 bucks total may be taken during all seasons combined, regardless of method (archery, muzzleloader, or gun).
- Feral hogs and coyotes may be taken during all hunts. No hog hunting with dogs during still gun or muzzleloader hunts for deer or bear on WMAs.
- Archery allowed during all hunt periods (archery, muzzleloader or gun hunts).
- Archery hunters are allowed to take either sex during all deer seasons. All limits apply.
- The deer seasons for all US Army Corps of Engineers lands in Game Zone 1 are the same as the WMA deer seasons unless otherwise posted.

### Youth Deer Hunt Day Jan. 3

Limit: 2 deer/either-sex (page 57 for WMAs)  
no tags required

## Deer: Archery & Muzzleloader WMA

Limit: 2 per day, 2 deer total  
Oct. 1-10

Archery either-sex

Muzzleloader buck only

## Deer: Archery only WMA

Limit: 2 per day, 2 deer total  
either sex Dec. 23-Jan. 1

- No muzzleloader hunting on WMAs Dec. 23-Jan. 1

- Muzzleloaders allowed during Gun Hunts.

## Deer: Gun Hunts on WMA Lands

Limit: 2 per day, 7 deer total  
buck only Oct. 11-16, Oct. 31-Dec. 22,  
either sex Nov. 1, 8, 15

- No gun hunting for deer on WMAs Dec. 23-Jan. 1
- No deer hunting on Long Creek Tracts (Oconee Co.) on or after Thanksgiving Day.

## Bear

- No Sunday hunting for bear.
- Harvested bear must be reported within 24 hours to Clemson DNR at 864-654-1671, ext. 19.
- Feral hogs and coyotes may be taken during all hunts. No hog hunting with dogs during still gun hunts for deer or bear on WMAs.

## Bear: Still Hunt (No dogs)

Oct. 20-25 1 bear, no bears 100 lbs.  
or less, no sow with cubs

## Bear: Party Dog Hunts

- Oct. 27-Nov. 1 3 bears per party,
- No bears 100 lbs. or less, no sow with cubs;
  - All parties (maximum party size of 25) must register with SCDNR at 311 Natural Resources Drive, Clemson, SC 29631 by Sept. 15.

Groups hunting together are considered 1 party.

## Small Game – other WMAs

- *Except during deer and bear seasons, it is unlawful to have in possession any firearm loaded with buckshot or larger shot or a rifle or ammunition of greater caliber than .22.*
- Hogs & coyotes may be taken during small game hunts with small game firearms only except during open seasons for deer and bear.
- No small game hunting on WMAs is allowed before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. Additional small game season restrictions may apply to specific WMAs.

## Mourning Dove:

Sept. 1-6 (afternoons only) 15 per day  
Sept. 7-Oct. 4, Nov. 22-29  
Dec. 19-Jan. 15

## Quail:

Nov. 24-Mar. 1 12 per day

## Squirrel:

Sept. 1-Sept. 30 Running season-dogs, no guns  
Oct. 1-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 10 per day

## Rabbit:

WMA land Sept. 1-Sept. 30  
Running season-dogs, no guns  
WMA Nov. 27, 2008-Mar. 1, 2009

guns & dogs 5 per day  
• No rabbit hunting with dogs is allowed during still gun hunts for deer or bear on WMA lands.

## Grouse:

Nov. 27-Mar. 1 3 per day

## Raccoon & Opossum: (Dogs at night only)

WMA land  
Sept. 1-Oct. 14 Running season-dogs, no guns  
WMA land  
Oct. 15-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 3 per party  
opossum no limit per night

## Fox: (Dogs at night only)

WMA land  
Sept. 1-Nov. 26 Running season-dogs, no guns  
WMA land  
Nov. 27-Mar. 1 guns & dogs No limit

## Bobcat, Mink, Muskrat, Skunk, Otter & Weasel:

Nov. 22-Mar. 1 No limit

## Beaver:

WMA land Sept. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

## Crow:

Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

**Glassy Mountain Archery Only Area-Chestnut Ridge Heritage Preserve (Greenville Co)** Located on the southwest side of the South Pacolet River and west of the junction of the South Pacolet River and its main tributary creek as posted.

## Deer:

Archery Only Oct. 1-Oct. 16 Total 2 deer  
(no dogs) Oct. 31-Jan. 1 either-sex

## Stumphouse WMA

### (Youth Area) Oconee County

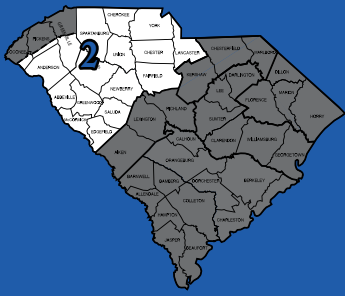
- Game Zone 1 seasons, limits, rules and regulations apply except small game hunting only from Thanksgiving Day through March 1. In order to fish or hunt Stumphouse WMA each adult (21 or older) must have at least one youth 17 or under accompanying them. Senior Citizens over 65 years of age are exempted from accompanying a youth in order to fish. No motorized vehicles or horses allowed on property. Walk-in use only.

## Caesars Head/Jones Gap WMA Greenville County

SC Dept. of Parks, Recreation and Tourism special permit required. See Game Zone 1 WMA map for more details.

## Long Creek Tract (Forest Service) Oconee County

Game Zone 1 seasons, except big Game hunting, allowed Oct. 1-Nov. 26. Small game only between Thanksgiving Day and March 1. Big game hunting allowed during-WMA seasons before Thanksgiving Day.



## GAME ZONE 2

Abbeville, Anderson, Chester, Cherokee, Edgefield, Fairfield, Greenwood, Lancaster, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry, Saluda, Spartanburg, Union, York Counties & those portions of the Counties of Greenville, Oconee, & Pickens south of the Game Zone 1 line

See page 44 Game Zone 1

**This Section WMA Only.** For private land laws, regulations and seasons, see pages 30-32, 37-39.

### SCDNR offices

- Wildlife Offices, 311 Natural Resources Drive, Clemson, SC 29631, 864-654-1671; 2751 Hwy. 72 E., Abbeville 864-223-2731
- Law Enforcement Office, 311 Natural Resources Drive, Clemson, SC 29631, 864-654-8266

## Deer – other WMAs

- Sunday hunting for deer is prohibited on all WMAs.
- Individual antlerless deer tags are valid on WMA land starting Oct. 1. Use of tags does not change the type of weapon allowed during specific seasons.
- Limits listed are a combined total per person for both private & WMA lands.
- No more than 5 bucks total may be taken during all seasons combined, regardless of method (archery, muzzleloader, or gun).
- During gun hunts on WMA lands, there shall be no hunting or shooting deer from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic.
- Feral hogs and coyotes may be taken during all hunts. No hog hunting with dogs during still gun or muzzleloader hunts for deer on WMAs.
- Archery allowed during all hunt periods (archery, muzzleloader or gun hunts).
- Archery hunters are allowed to take either-sex during all deer seasons. Daily and seasonal bag limits apply.

- The deer seasons for all US Army Corps of Engineers lands in Game Zone 2 are the same as the WMA deer seasons unless otherwise posted.

### Youth Deer Hunt Day Jan. 3

Limit: 2 deer/either-sex no tags required  
See page 57 for WMAs.

### Deer: Archery only on WMA Land

Limit: 2 per day, 3 deer total  
either-sex Sept. 15-30, Dec. 1-13

### Deer: Muzzleloaders on WMA

Limit: 2 deer total  
buck only Oct. 1-10  
either-sex Oct. 4  
• No muzzleloader hunting on WMAs Dec. 1-13  
• Muzzleloaders allowed during Gun Hunts.

### Deer: Gun Hunts on WMA Lands

Limit: 2 per day, 10 deer total  
buck only Oct. 11-Nov. 29, Dec. 15-Jan. 1  
either-sex Oct. 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 1.  
• No gun hunting for deer on WMAs Dec. 1-13.

## Small Game – other WMAs

- Hogs & coyotes may be taken during small game hunts with small game firearms only on WMAs.
- Small Game seasons on WMAs are listed below. No small game hunting on WMAs is allowed before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. Additional small game season restrictions may apply to specific WMAs.
- No hog hunting with dogs during still gun hunts for deer on WMAs.

### Mourning Dove:

Sept. 1-6 (afternoons only) 15 per day  
Sept. 7-Oct. 4, Nov. 22-29  
Dec. 19-Jan. 15

### Quail:

Nov. 24-Mar. 1 12 per day

### Squirrel:

Sept. 1-Sept. 30 Running season-dogs, no guns  
Oct. 1-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 10 per day

### Rabbit:

WMA land Sept. 1-Sept. 30  
Running season-dogs, no guns  
WMA Nov. 27, 2008-Mar. 1, 2009  
guns & dogs 5 per day  
• No rabbit hunting with dogs is allowed during still gun hunts for deer on WMAs.

### Raccoon & Opossum: (Dogs at night only)

WMA land  
Sept. 1-Oct. 14 Running season-dogs, no guns  
WMA land  
Oct. 15-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 3 per party  
opossum no limit per night

### Fox: (Dogs at night only)

WMA land

Sept. 1-Nov. 26 Running season-dogs, no guns  
Nov. 27-Mar. 2 guns & dogs No limit

### Bobcat, Mink, Muskrat, Skunk, Otter & Weasel:

Nov. 27-Mar. 1 No limit

### Beaver:

WMA land Sept. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

### Crow:

Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

## Keowee WMA Oconee & Pickens Counties

- Shotguns only north of Hwy. 123, west of the Keowee arm of Lake Hartwell to the Old Clemson Seneca Hwy. Also west of Hwy 291 north and south of the Keowee arm of Lake Hartwell upstream from the Hwy. 291 bridge. All other areas archery only.

### Deer Archery: Keowee WMA

Limit: 2 per day, 4 deer total  
either-sex Oct. 1-Dec. 22  
• Total may not include more than 2 bucks

### Quail: Keowee WMA

Nov. 28-Mar. 1 Wed. & Sat. only, 10 per day

### Small Game:

- Regular Zone 2 seasons & limits **except** no hunting during Archery Deer Hunts Oct. 1-Dec. 22.

## Fant's Grove WMA Oconee, Pickens & Anderson Counties

### Deer Archery:

Limit: 2 per day, 4 deer total  
either-sex Oct. 15-Dec. 6 (1 buck only)  
• Bucks must have at least 4 points on 1 side or minimum 12 inch antler spread.

### Deer Gun Hunts:

- 2 day gun hunts by drawing only. See WMA Hunt Drawings on page 33.

### Small Game:

- Regular Zone 2 seasons and limits except no hunting during Archery Deer Hunts (Oct. 15-Dec. 6) and Special Youth & Quota hunts (Oct. 4, Dec. 8, 9, 11, 12).
- Except dove hunting allowed on designated Dove Fields, waterfowl hunting allowed on Wed. and Sat. AM only during federal waterfowl season.

### Quail:

Nov. 28-March 1 Wed. and Sat. Only

## Draper WMA York County

### Deer: Game Zone 2 WMA Seasons & Limits Small Game:

#### Dove:

- Special restrictions apply during all seasons and limited participation will apply opening day.

#### Quail:

Dec. 6, 13, 17, 24 Jan. 3, 7, 10, 14 10 per day  
sunrise until 4:00 pm

#### Rabbit:

Dec. 3, 10, Jan. 17, 21, 24, 28, 31, Feb. 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28 3 per day

### Small Game other than Dove, Quail & Rabbit:



- Regular Zone 2 seasons & limits **except** no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1.
- No Fox Squirrels

## Broad River Waterfowl Management Area, Fairfield County

### Archery:

**Limit:** 2 per day, 3 deer total  
**either-sex** Sept. 15-Oct. 31

### Small Game

#### Raccoon, Squirrel, Rabbit & Quail:

Feb. 2-Mar. 1 Game Zone 2 limits

## Rock Hill Blackjacks HP WMA York County

### Archery:

**Limit:** 2 per day, 3 deer total  
**either-sex** Sept. 15-30, Dec. 1-Jan. 1

### Small Game:

- Small game hunting is not allowed.

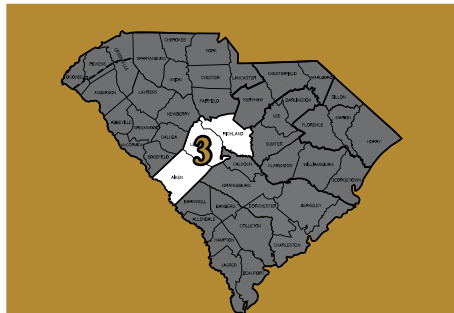
## Worth Mountain WMA York County

- Quality Deer Management Area - Antlered Bucks must have 4 points on one side or a minimum 12-inch antler spread.

**Limit:** Zone 2 seasons and limits apply  
• Use of individual deer tags and county wide either-sex days apply

### Small Game:

Zone 2 seasons and limits



## GAME ZONE 3

## Aiken, Lexington & Richland Counties

**This Section WMA Only. For private land laws, regulations and seasons, see pages 30-32, 37-39.**

### SCDNR offices

- Wildlife Offices, P.O. Box 23, New Ellenton 803-725-3663; 1000 Assembly St., Columbia 803-734-3886

- Law Enforcement Offices, 1000 Assembly St., Columbia 803-734-4303

WMA regulations apply to public lands in Game Zone 3. Some WMAs have special seasons or restrictions, and are listed at the end of the hunt seasons section.

## Deer—other WMAs

- Sunday hunting for deer is prohibited on all

WMAs.

- Individual antlerless deer tags are valid on other “unnamed” WMAs starting Sept. 15. Tags do not alter the daily or season bag limits.

### Youth Deer Hunt Day Jan. 3

**Limit:** 2 deer/either-sex-No tags required  
See page 57 for WMAs.

## Deer: Archery & Gun Hunts unnamed WMAs

**Limit:** No limit on bucks; 2 antlerless deer per day on either-sex days

**buck only** Sept. 1-Jan. 1  
**either-sex** Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 1.

- *No hunting on WMAs before Sept. 1.*

## Small Game – other WMAs

- Small Game seasons on WMAs are listed below. No small game hunting on WMAs is allowed before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. Additional small game season restrictions may apply to specific WMAs.

### Mourning Dove:

Sept. 1-6 (afternoons only) 15 per day  
Sept. 7-Oct. 4, Nov. 22-29  
Dec. 19-Jan. 15

### Quail:

Nov. 24-Mar. 1 12 per day

### Squirrel:

Sept. 1-Sept. 30 Running season-dogs, no guns  
Oct. 1-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 10 per day

### Rabbit:

WMA land Sept. 1-Sept. 30 Running season-dogs, no guns  
WMA Nov. 27, 2008-Mar. 1, 2009  
guns & dogs 5 per day

## Raccoon & Opossum: (Dogs at night only)

WMA land  
Sept. 1-Sept. 13 Running season-dogs

WMA land  
Sept. 15-Mar. 1 guns & dogs No limit

### Fox: (Dogs at night only)

WMA land  
Sept. 1-Nov. 26 Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA land  
Nov. 27-Mar. 1 guns & dogs No limit

## Bobcat, Mink, Muskrat, Skunk, Otter & Weasel:

Nov. 27-Mar. 1 No limit

### Beaver

WMA land Sept. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

### Crow

Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

## Aiken Gopher Tortoise Heritage Preserve WMA Aiken County

### Deer Gun Hunts:

**Limit:** 1 deer per day, 3 deer total, not

to include more than 2 bucks.

No limit on hogs.

**buck only** Oct. 1-Jan. 1  
**either-sex** Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 1.

- No buckshot or dogs allowed.
- During gun hunts for deer, there shall be no hunting or shooting from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic.
- Hogs may be taken during deer hunts only. No dogs. No limit.

- All reptiles and amphibians are protected.

### Small Game:

Nov. 27-Mar. 1 Regular Zone 3 limits  
• Fox squirrels may not be hunted or taken.  
• All reptiles and amphibians are protected.

### Raccoon & Opossum:

**Limit:** 3 raccoons per party per night.  
Opossums - no limit.

Nov. 27-Mar. 1

## Crackerneck WMA Aiken County

### Deer Archery:

**Limit:** 2 deer total, no more than 1 buck. No limit on hogs

**either-sex** Oct. 3-4

### Deer Muzzleloader:

**Limit:** 2 deer total, no more than 1 buck. No limit on hogs

**either-sex** Oct. 10-11

### Deer Gun Hunts:

- *Gun hunts on Fridays, Saturdays & Thanksgiving day only during this period.*

**Limit:** 2 per day, 5 deer total, not to include more than 3 bucks.

No limit on hogs

**buck only** Oct. 17-Dec. 27

**either-sex** Oct. 17-18, 24-25, 31  
Nov. 1, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22  
Dec. 5-6

- All individuals must sign in and out at gate.
- No buckshot or dogs allowed.
- Scouting days (no firearms or archery equipment), on Saturdays only during Sept. and Mar. Gate opens at 6:00am and closes at 8:00pm.
- On deer hunt days, gate opens as follows: Oct., 4:30am-8:30pm; Nov.-Dec., 4:30am-7:30pm. For party dog hunts for hogs in Jan. & Feb., gate will be open from 5:30am-7:00pm.
- Hog hunters are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of international orange.
- Hogs may not be taken from Crackerneck WMA alive and hogs must be shown at check station gate.
- No still hog hunting during party hunts with dogs or anytime except during deer hunts.
- No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party.

### Hog Party Hunts

**Limit:** No limit. Handguns only.  
with dogs Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27

### Small Game:

Fridays, Saturdays & Game Zone 3  
Thanksgiving day ONLY limits  
during regular Game Zone 3 seasons, except

no hunting before Oct. 17 or after Feb. 28

- All individuals must sign in and out at gate.
- Bobcats, foxes, otters and fox squirrels may not be hunted.
- During hunts, gate hours will be as follows: Oct., 4:30am-8:30pm; Nov. - Dec., 4:30am-7:30pm; Jan. - Feb. 5:30am-7:00pm.

#### Raccoon & Opossum:

**Limit:** 3 raccoons per party per night.  
Opossum-no limit

Saturday nights only Oct. 18-Dec. 27

Friday & Sat. nights only Jan. 2-Feb. 28

- All individuals must sign in and out at gate.
- Hunt hours are as follows: Saturdays - 1 hour after official sunset to midnight. Hunters must exit gate by 1:00 am. Fridays - 1 hour after official sunset to 1 hour before official sunrise. Hunters must exit gate by official sunrise.

### Ditch Pond Heritage Preserve WMA Aiken/Barnwell County

#### Deer Archery Only:

**Limit:** 1 deer per day, 3 deer total, not to include more than 2 bucks.

buck only Oct. 1-Jan. 1

either-sex Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 1

#### Small Game:

Nov. 27-Mar. 2 Regular Game Zone 3/6 limits

- Fox squirrels may not be hunted or taken.
- All reptiles and amphibians are protected.
- No raccoon hunting allowed.

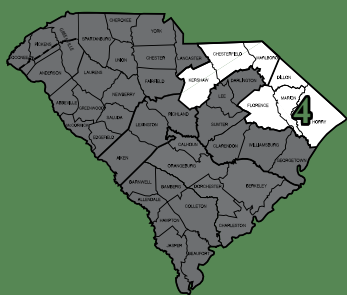
### Henderson Heritage Preserve WMA Aiken County

#### Deer Archery Only:

**Limit:** 1 deer per day, 3 deer total, not to include more than 2 bucks.

buck only Oct. 1-Jan. 1

either-sex Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 1



## GAME ZONE 4

Kershaw, Chesterfield,  
Marlboro, Dillon, Florence,  
Marion & Horry Counties

This Section WMA Only. For private land laws, regulations and seasons, see pages

30-32, 37-39.

#### SCDNR offices

- Wildlife Office, 2007 Pisgah Rd., Florence 843-661-4768, Georgetown, 843-546-3226
- Law Enforcement Offices, 2007 Pisgah Rd, Florence 843-661-4766

### Deer – other WMAs

- Sunday hunting for deer is prohibited on all WMAs.
- Individual antlerless deer tags are valid on other “unnamed” WMAs starting Sept. 15. Tags do not alter the daily or season bag limits.
- Archery allowed during all hunt periods (archery, muzzleloader or gun hunts).
- Archery hunters are allowed to take either sex during all deer seasons. All limits apply.
- During gun hunts on WMA lands, there shall be no hunting or shooting deer from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic.

#### Youth Deer Hunt Day Jan. 3

**Limit:** 2 deer/either-sex No tags required  
See page 57 for WMAs.

#### Deer: Archery only WMAs

**Limit:** total of 3 deer for all archery hunts, 2 per day

buck only: Sept. 1-13

#### Deer: Archery & Gun Hunts WMAs

**Limit:** 2 per day, 10 deer total with no more than 5 bucks

buck-only Sept. 15-Jan. 1

either-sex Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 1

### Small Game – other WMAs

- Small Game seasons on WMAs listed below. No small game hunting on WMAs is allowed before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. Additional small game season restrictions may apply to specific WMAs.

#### Mourning Dove:

Sept. 1-6 (afternoons only) 15 per day

Sept. 7-Oct. 4, Nov. 22-29

Dec. 19-Jan. 15

#### Quail:

Nov. 24-Mar. 1 12 per day

#### Squirrel:

Sept. 1-Sept. 30 Running season-dogs, no guns

Oct. 1-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 10 per day

#### Rabbit:

WMA land Sept. 1-Sept. 30

Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA Nov. 27, 2008-Mar. 1, 2009

guns & dogs 5 per day

#### Raccoon & Opossum: (Dogs at night only)

WMA land

Sept. 1-Sept 13 Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA land

Sept. 15-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 3 per party  
opossum no limit per night

#### Fox: (Dogs at night only)

WMA land

Sept. 1-Nov. 26 Running season-dogs, no guns

WMA land

Nov. 27-Mar. 1 guns & dogs

### Bobcat, Mink, Muskrat, Skunk, Otter & Weasel:

Nov. 27-Mar. 1 No limit

#### Beaver

WMA land Sept. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

#### Crow

Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

### Marsh WMA Marion County

- Hunters may not take more than 3 deer total from Marsh WMA.

- No ATV's.
- No buckshot or dogs allowed.
- No bay or catch dogs for hog hunting.
- Wild hogs may only be taken during deer hunts & special hog hunts.
- A portion of Marsh WMA is designated a youth special hunt area and is closed for hunting except for special draw hunts.

#### Deer Archery:

**Limit:** 1 deer per day, hogs-no limit  
either-sex Oct. 6-11

#### Deer Archery & Muzzleloader:

**Limit:** 1 deer per day, hogs no limit  
either-sex Oct. 13-25

#### Deer Gun Hunts:

**Limit:** 1 deer per day, hogs no limit  
buck only Oct. 27-Nov. 15

#### Special Hog Still Gun Hunts: (No dogs)

- Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzle-loading rifles, centerfire handguns and shot-guns with slugs only.

Nov. 17-22, Mar. 2-21 Hogs Only, No Limit

#### Small Game:

##### Rabbit, Squirrel, Opossum, & Quail

Nov. 27-Feb. 28 Game Zone 4 limits  
(Wed.-Sat. only)

Woodcock: Wed.-Sat.

Federal season

#### Raccoons:

Nov. 29-Feb. 28 3 per party per night  
(Wed-Sat. nights only)

### Sand Hills State Forest WMA Chesterfield County

- No hunting within the boundary of the H. Cooper Black, Jr. Memorial Field Trial and Recreation Area during scheduled field trials. Inquire at H. Cooper Black Jr. Headquarters about scheduled events or call 843-378-1555.

#### Deer Archery:

**Limit:** 2 per day, 3 deer total  
either-sex Sept. 15-Jan. 1

#### Deer Gun Hunts:

**Limit:** 2 per day, 10 deer total with no more than 5 bucks

buck only Oct. 1-Jan. 1

either-sex Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 1.

- Muzzleloaders may be used during all gunhunts.



- No buckshot allowed.
- Individual antlerless deer tags may be used on days not designated as either-sex after Sept. 15.
- No man drives allowed.

#### Small Game:

- No hunting within the boundary of the H. Cooper Black, Jr. Memorial Field Trial and Recreation Area during scheduled field trials. Inquire at Forest Headquarters about scheduled events or call 843-378-1555. No quail hunting allowed on H. Cooper Black, Jr. Memorial Field Trial Area.
- Regular Zone 4 & 5 seasons & limits except no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1 and no daytime fox hunting allowed from Sept. 15-Jan. 1.

#### McBee WMA Chesterfield County

##### Deer Archery:

**Limit:** 2 per day, 3 deer total  
**either-sex** Sept. 15-Nov. 29

##### Deer Gun Hunts:

**Limit:** 2 per day, 10 deer total with no more than 5 bucks  
**buck only** Oct. 1-Nov. 29  
**either-sex** Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

- No dogs during gun hunts.
- No buckshot.

#### Small Game:

##### Quail:

**Hunts by drawing only.** See page 33.

##### Small Game other than Quail

- Regular Zone 4 seasons & limits **except** no hunting before Jan. 12 or after Mar. 1.

#### Cartwheel Bay Heritage Preserve WMA Horry County

- **Hunters may not take more than 3 deer total from Cartwheel Bay HP WMA.**
- **Hogs no limit.**

##### Deer Archery:

**buck only** Sept. 15-Oct. 4 1 deer per day  
**either-sex** Oct. 13-Nov. 1 1 deer per day

##### Small Game:

Nov. 3-Mar. 1 Game Zone 4 limits  
\* No fox squirrel hunting

#### Lewis Ocean Bay Heritage Preserve WMA Horry County

- **Hunters may not take more than 5 deer total from Lewis Ocean Bay HP WMA.**
- No hunting or shooting from, or on, any roads open to vehicular traffic.
- Horseback riding is prohibited during all deer hunts.
- No buckshot or dogs allowed.

##### Deer Archery:

**either-sex** Sept. 15-20 1 deer per day  
Oct. 6-25

##### Deer Archery & Muzzleloader:

**either-sex** Oct 27-Nov. 1 1 deer per day  
Nov. 10-15

##### Deer Gun Hunts:

**buck only** Nov. 24-29 1 buck per day  
Dec. 8-13

#### Small Game:

Jan. 1-Mar. 2 Game Zone 4 limits

##### \* No fox squirrel hunting

#### Little Pee Dee Heritage Preserve (HP) River Complex Horry & Marion Counties

Includes Little Pee Dee River HP, Tilghman HP, Dargan HP and Ward HP, also Upper Gunters Island and Huggins tracts in Horry County which are part of Dargan HP.

- **Hunters may not take more than 3 deer total from Little Pee Dee River Complex.**
- No buckshot or dogs allowed.
- Wild hogs may only be taken during deer hunts and designated hog hunts.

##### Deer Archery:

**buck only** Sept. 15-27 1 buck per day  
**either-sex** Oct. 1-18 1 deer per day

##### Deer Archery & Muzzleloader:

**buck only** Oct. 27- Nov. 1 1 buck per day  
**either-sex** Nov. 3-8 1 deer per day

##### Deer Gun Hunts:

**buck only** Nov. 10-22 1 buck per day

##### Special Hog Still Gun Hunt:

- Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzle-loading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only.

March 6-21 No limit

**hogs only** no dogs, no buckshot

##### Special Hog Hunt with Dogs:

March 2-5 No limit

- Handguns only, no more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party.
- No live hogs removed from WMA.

##### Small Game:

• No Fox squirrel hunting.  
Nov. 27-Mar. 1 Game Zone 4 limits

##### Raccoon:

Wed - Sat. nights only  
Nov. 29-Feb. 28 3 per party per night

#### Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve WMA Horry County

- **Hunters may not take more than 2 deer total from Waccamaw River HP WMA.**
- No buckshot or dogs allowed. No limit on hogs.

##### Deer Archery:

**either-sex** Oct. 13-25 1 deer per day

##### Deer Archery & Muzzleloader:

**either-sex** Oct. 27-Nov. 8 1 deer per day

##### Deer Gun Hunts:

**buck only** Nov. 10-22 1 buck per day

##### Small Game:

##### Dove:

- Organized hunts only. Seasons and limits are published in the Public Dove Fields List available in August.

##### Gray Squirrels & Woodcock\* only:

**No Fox squirrel hunting.**  
Nov. 27-Mar. 2 Game Zone 4 limits

- \* Woodcock hunting allowed during federal seasons only.

##### Raccoons:

Dec. 3-Feb. 25 3 per party per night  
(Wed. nights only)

##### Hog Hunt With Dogs:

March 7, 14 No limit, sidearms only, no more than 4 bay or catch dogs.

#### Pee Dee Station Site WMA Florence County

- **Hunting allowed on east side of SR 57 (Old River Road).**
- **Hunters may not take more than 3 deer total from Pee Dee Station Site WMA.**
- Scouting days are Oct. 4-6, 18-20, Nov. 1-3
- Must sign in and out at check station.
- No buckshot or dogs allowed.

##### Deer Archery:

**either-sex** Oct. 7-11 1 deer per day

##### Deer Archery & Muzzleloader:

**either-sex** Oct. 21-25, 1 deer per day  
Nov. 4-8

##### Small Game:

- All hunters must pick up and return data cards at kiosk.  
Nov. 29-Feb. 28 Game Zone 4 limits  
(Wed. and Sat. only)

#### Woodbury WMA Marion County

- **Quality Deer Management Area—antlered deer must have at least 4 points on 1 side or a minimum 12-inch antler spread. A point must be at least 1 inch long measured from the nearest edge of main beam to the top of the point.**
- No more than 3 bucks total may be taken during all seasons combined regardless of method.
- Hog hunting allowed only during deer hunts and special hog hunts.
- No buckshot.
- No ATV's allowed.

##### Deer Archery:

**Limit:** 1 deer per day, hogs no limit  
**either-sex:** Sep. 15 – Oct. 4

##### Deer Archery and Muzzleloader:

**Limit:** 1 deer per day, hogs no limit  
**either-sex:** Oct. 6-18

##### Deer Gun Hunts:

**Limit:** 1 deer per day, hogs no limit  
**buck only** Oct. 20-Jan. 1  
**either-sex** Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
Dec. 20, 27, Jan 1

##### Special Hog still gun hunts:

Mar. 2-21 Hogs only, no limit

- Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzle-loading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only.

##### Special Hog hunt with dogs

Feb. 2-14 Hogs only, no limit

- Limit of 4 bay or catch dogs
- Handguns only
- No live hogs removed from Woodbury WMA

### Small Game:

#### Raccoons:

Nov. 29 – Feb. 28 (Wed. – Sat. night only)  
3 per party per night

#### Gray Squirrels and Quail:

Dec. 15 – Mar. 2

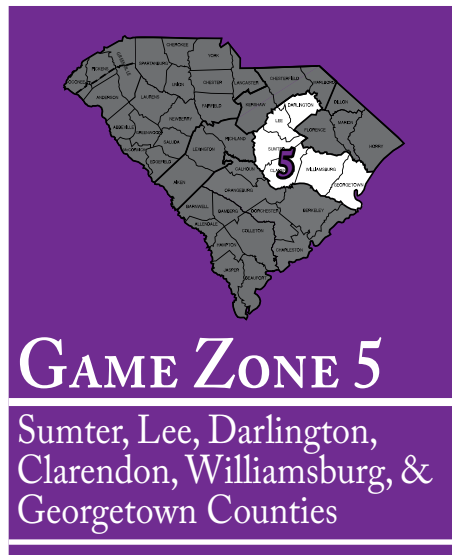
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Game Zone bag limits

#### Rabbits:

Jan. 1 – Mar. 2  
Game Zone bag limits

#### Fox:

Jan. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27,  
Feb. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, Mar. 2  
(Nights only) Game Zone bag limits



This Section WMA Only. For private land laws, regulations and seasons, see pages 30-32, 37-39.

#### SCDNR offices

- Wildlife Offices, 2007 Pisgah Rd, Florence 843-661-4768; P.O. Box 161 St. Matthews, SC 29135, 803-655-5809. 420 Dirlerton Rd, Georgetown 843-546-9489.
- Law Enforcement Offices, 2007 Pisgah Rd, Florence 843-661-4766, 1000 Assembly St, Columbia 803-734-4303

### Deer –other WMAs

- Sunday hunting for deer is prohibited on all WMAs.
- During gun hunts on WMA lands, there shall be no hunting or shooting deer from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic.
- Limits listed are a combined total per person for both private & WMA lands.
- Individual antlerless deer tags are valid on other “unnamed” WMAs starting Sept. 15. Tags do not alter daily or season bag limits.

#### Youth Deer Hunt Day Jan. 3

Limit: 2 deer/either-sex

See page 57 for WMAs.

#### Deer Archery: Other WMAs

Sept. 1-Jan. 1 Buck only  
Except on either-sex days

#### Deer Gun Hunts: Other WMAs

Limit: 5 deer total; 2 antlerless deer  
per day on either-sex days.

buck only Sept. 15-Jan. 1

either-sex Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22,  
29, Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 1

### Small Game – other WMAs

- Small Game seasons on WMAs are listed below. No small game hunting on WMAs is allowed before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. Additional small game season restrictions may apply to specific WMAs.

#### Mourning Dove:

Sept. 1-6 (afternoons only) 15 per day  
Sept. 7-Oct. 4, Nov. 22-29  
Dec. 19-Jan. 15

#### Quail:

Nov. 24-Mar. 1 12 per day

#### Squirrel:

Sept. 1-Sept. 30 Running season-dogs, no guns  
Oct. 1-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 10 per day

#### Rabbit:

WMA land Sept. 1-Sept. 30  
Running season-dogs, no guns  
WMA Nov. 27, 2008-Mar. 1, 2009  
guns & dogs 5 per day

#### Raccoon & Opossum: (Dogs at night only)

WMA land  
Sept. 1-Sept 13 Running season-dogs, no guns  
Limit 3  
Sept. 15-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 3 per party  
opossum no limit per night

#### Fox: (Dogs at night only)

WMA land  
Sept. 1-Nov. 26 Running season-dogs, no guns  
WMA land  
Nov. 27-Mar. 1 guns & dogs No limit

#### Bobcat, Mink, Muskrat, Skunk, Otter & Weasel:

Nov. 27-Mar. 1 No limit

#### Beaver:

WMA land Sept. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

#### Crow:

Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

### Great Pee Dee Heritage Preserve WMA Darlington County

- Hunters may not take more than 3 deer total from Great Pee Dee HP WMA.
- For big game hunting, access is restricted from two hours before sunrise to two hours after official sunset. All hunters must pick up and return data cards at the kiosk. Gates may be locked in wet weather.
- No buckshot or dogs allowed.
- Dogs may not be used to hunt hogs.
- Hogs may be taken only during deer hunts or special hog hunts.
- Firearms must be unloaded and cased and

not readily accessible when not in legal use.

#### Deer Archery:

either-sex Oct. 6-18 1 deer per day  
Hogs-no limit

#### Deer Archery & Muzzleloader:

either-sex Oct. 27-Nov. 1 1 deer per day  
Hogs-no limit

#### Deer Gun Hunts:

buck only Nov. 3-8 1 buck per day  
Hogs-no limit

#### Special Still Gun Hog Hunt:

- Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzle-loading rifles, centerfire handguns and shot-guns with slugs only.
- Dec. 1-20, Feb. 2-14 Hogs only. No limit

#### Small Game:

##### Gray Squirrels & Woodcock\* only:

Nov. 27-Mar. 1 Game Zone 5 limits

- No fox squirrel hunting.
- \* Woodcock hunting allowed during federal seasons only.

#### Raccoons:

Nov. 29-Feb. 28 3 per party  
(Wed. & Sat. nights only) per night

### Longleaf Pine Heritage Preserve WMA Lee County

- Hunters may not take more than 2 deer total from Longleaf Pine HP WMA.
- Individual antlerless deer tags valid on days not designated as either-sex after Sept. 15.
- No buckshot or dogs allowed.

#### Archery:

either-sex Sept. 15-Oct. 4 1 deer per day

#### Archery & Muzzleloader:

either-sex Oct. 13-25 1 deer per day

#### Gun Hunts:

buck only Oct. 27-Nov. 15 1 buck per day  
either-sex Nov. 1, 8, 15 1 deer per day

#### Small Game:

- No fox squirrel hunting.
- Nov. 27-Mar. 2 Game Zone 5 limits

### Manchester State Forest (MSF) WMA Sumter County

- Hunters may not take more than 5 deer total from Manchester State Forest WMA.
- Dog hunt clubs by drawing only. See Wildlife Management Area Hunt Drawings on page 33.
- No buckshot allowed during gun hunts.
- No man-drives during either-sex hunts.
- Firearms must be unloaded and cased and not readily accessible when not in legal use.
- No deer hunting or shooting from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic.
- Hunting is prohibited within 300 yards of a residence.
- Hogs may be taken only during deer hunts.
- All hunters are reminded that the Palmetto Trail may be in use by nonhunters.
- Deer must be checked at Battens or Shop And Go.
- Some gates may be locked due to wet roads.

### Deer Archery:

either-sex Sept. 15-20 1 deer per day

### Archery & Muzzleloader:

buck only Sept. 22-27 1 buck per day

either-sex Sept. 26 only 1 antlered buck &  
1 antlerless deer per day

### Deer Gun Hunts:

**Limit:** 1 buck per day; 1 antlered buck &  
1 antlerless deer per day on either  
sex days.

buck only Sept. 29-Oct. 4, Oct. 6-11, 13-18,  
21-24, 28-30, Nov. 4-6, 11-15, 18-  
20, 24-29

either-sex Oct. 2-4, 9-11, 30, Nov. 14-15,  
28-29

### Small Game:

• All hunters except dove, duck and turkey  
hunters are required to wear international orange  
coat, vest, or hat.

• Gates may be locked due to wet road  
conditions.

### Dove:

Sat. afternoons only during 1st season in desig-  
nated fields only. Any day during 2nd and 3rd  
seasons on general forest and designated fields. See  
Public Dove Field Regulations available in August.

### Quail: Manchester State Forest WMA (except Bland & Tuomey Tracts)

Nov. 27-Feb. 28 12 per day

### Quail Hunting: Bland & Tuomey Tracts

• Quail hunters must pick up and return data  
cards at access points.

Dec. 10, 20, 31 12 per day

Jan. 17, 28, Feb. 7

### Squirrel:

Nov. 27-Mar. 2 10 per day

• No squirrel hunting on Bland & Tuomey  
Tracts during scheduled quail hunts.

### Rabbit:

Nov. 27-Mar. 2 5 per day

• No rabbit hunting on Bland & Tuomey  
Tracts during scheduled quail hunts.

### Raccoon: Night only

Nov. 27-Mar. 14 3 per party per night

### Fox: Night only

Nov. 27-Mar. 14 No limit during gun season

### Lynchburg Savannah Heritage Preserve WMA Lee County

Small game only - no deer hunting

### Small Game:

• Private land seasons and limits apply to this area  
except, no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 2.

• No fox squirrel hunting.

### Sandy Island WMA Georgetown Co.

• Hunters may not take more than 3 deer total  
(1 buck) from Sandy Island WMA.

• Firearms and vehicles are prohibited.

• No small game hunting is allowed.

### Deer Archery: Sandy Island WMA

either-sex Oct. 1-Nov. 29 1 deer per day

Hogs, coyotes no limit

### Hickory Top WMA Clarendon Co.

• Hunters may not take more than 8 deer total  
from Hickory Top WMA. Hogs no limit.

• Data cards required for hunter access.  
Completed data cards must be returned daily  
upon leaving the WMA.

• Hickory Top Greentree Res. is closed to  
public access after Oct. 31 except for scheduled  
waterfowl hunts.

### Deer Archery: Hickory Top WMA

buck only Sept. 1-13 2 bucks per day

either-sex Sept. 15-Jan. 1 2 deer per day

### Deer Muzzleloader: Hickory Top WMA (No dogs)

either-sex Nov. 3-Jan. 1 2 deer per day

### Small Game:

• Public waterfowl hunting without a Wildlife  
Management Area (WMA) permit will be  
allowed on all land and water below 76.8'  
following current regulations governing waterfowl  
hunting on Lake Marion. Waterfowl hunting at  
or above 76.8' elevation requires a WMA permit.  
Waterfowl hunters crossing WMA lands to hunt  
areas below 76.8' lake elevation must have their  
guns unloaded and cased.

• Private land seasons and limits apply except  
no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 2; quail  
8 per day.

• No open season on fox squirrels.

### Oak Lea WMA Clarendon County

• Hunters may not take more than 10 deer total  
from Oak Lea WMA.

• Data cards required for hunter access during  
archery deer hunts, turkey hunts and small game  
hunts. Completed data cards must be returned  
daily upon leaving Oak Lea WMA.

### Deer Archery:

either-sex Sept. 15-30 2 deer per day

### Deer \*Still gun hunts:

Party hunts 3 deer per day 1 buck/day

Hunters selected by drawing 20 per hunt

\*Still Gun Hunters are selected by public  
drawing. Parties of 8-10 (8 min./10 max.).  
Parties may hunt for 4 days (Wed.-Sat.). Hunt  
periods will be approximately weekly (Oct. 1-Jan.  
1). SC Forestry Commission will handle drawing  
803-494-8196.

### Small Game:

• Small game (except quail) Jan. 2-Mar. 2 except no  
small game hunting during scheduled quail hunts.

### Quail Hunts:

• Quail hunters must pick up and return data  
cards at kiosk.

Hunt Dates: Dec. 10, 20, 31, Jan. 17, 28, Feb. 7  
12 per day

### Dove:

Dove hunts on designated days only. Seasons  
and limits published in the Public Dove Field  
List available in August.

### Santee Dam WMA Clarendon Co.

• Hunters may not take more than 8 deer total  
from Santee Dam WMA.

### Deer Archery: (No dogs)

buck only Sept. 1-14 2 bucks per day

either-sex Sept. 15-Jan. 1 2 deer per day

### Deer Muzzleloader:

either-sex Sept. 15-Jan. 1 2 deer per day  
Hogs-no limit

### Hog Hunts:

**Archery:** Sept. 1-Mar 1 No limit

**Muzzleloader:** Sept. 15-Mar 1 No limit

### Small Game:

• No fox squirrels.

### Dove:

• Dove hunts on designated days only. Season  
and limits published in the Public Dove Fields  
List available in August.

### Small Game:

Jan. 2-March 1

• Private land limits apply.

### Wee Tee WMA

### Williamsburg & Georgetown Cos.

• Hunters may not take more than 8 deer total  
from Wee Tee WMA.

### Deer Archery:

either-sex Oct. 1-11 2 deer per day

### Deer Muzzleloader:

either-sex Oct. 13-18 2 deer per day

### Deer Gun Hunts:

buck only Sept. 1-6 2 deer per day

either-sex Sept. 15-27 2 deer per day

Nov. 3-8, 24-29, Dec. 1-Jan. 1

### Raccoon:

Nights Only

Sept. 15-Mar. 1 3 per party per night

### Small Game:

• No open season for fox hunting.

• Game Zone 5 limits except quail-8 per day.

• Game Zone 5 seasons except no hunting  
before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 2. Closed during  
deer & hog hunt periods.

• Dogs allowed during small game gun season  
only.

### Santee Delta WMA Georgetown Co.

### Deer Archery: Santee Delta WMA (No dogs)

• Deer and hog hunters must sign in and out  
and complete a data card on harvested animals  
at the east side of the Delta.

either-sex Oct. 2-4, 9-11, 2 deer per day

16-18, 23-25 Hogs, no limit

### Special Hog still Gun Hunts: Santee Delta

• Wild hogs may only be hunted from elevated  
stands, shotgun with slug only or muzzleloader,  
no buckshot.

March 18-20 (2009) No limit

• No live hogs to be removed from WMA

### Hog Hunts with Dogs

March 21, 28

• No limit, handguns only, no more than 4 bay  
or catch dogs per party

### Samworth WMA Georgetown Co.

### Archery: (Impoundments only)

no dogs

either-sex Oct. 2-4, 9-11, 2 deer per day

16-18, 23-25 Hogs, no limit

### Special Hog Still Gun Hunts:

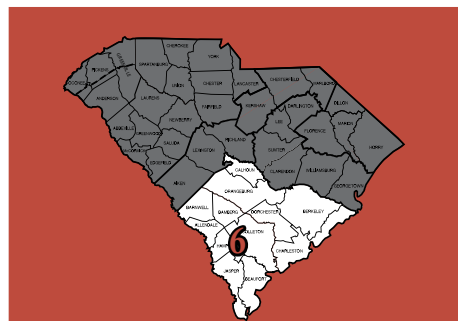
• Wild hogs may only be hunted from elevated



stands, **impoundments only**, shotgun with slug or muzzleloader, no buckshot.

March 5-7, 26-28 (2009) No limit

- No live hogs to be removed from WMA



## GAME ZONE 6

Allendale, Barnwell,  
Bamberg, Beaufort, Berkeley,  
Calhoun, Charleston,  
Colleton, Dorchester,  
Hampton, Jasper &  
Orangeburg Counties

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### SCDNR offices

- Wildlife Offices, 305 Black Oak Rd, Bonneau 843-825-3387; 585 Donnelley Dr., Hwy 17, Green Pond, 843-844-8957; P.O. Box 161, St. Matthews 29135, 803-655-5809; Webb Center, 1282 Webb Ave., Garnett 803-625-3569; P. O. Box 23, New Ellenton 803-725-3663; Francis Marion Hunt Unit 803-825-3387; Dungannon HP WMA 843-844-8957.
- Law Enforcement Offices, 1000 Assembly St., Columbia 803-734-4303, 217 Ft. Johnson Rd., Charleston 843-953-9307

## Deer

- Sunday hunting for deer is prohibited on all WMAs.

### Youth Deer Hunt Day Jan. 3

Limit: 2 deer/either-sex no tags required  
See page 57 for WMAs.

### Francis Marion Hunt Unit, Berkeley & Charleston Counties

Tibwin special use area (in Wambaw) is closed to hunting except for special hunts.

- During still gun hunts for deer, there shall be no hunting or shooting from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic.
- No buckshot is allowed on still gun hunts.
- Shotguns and buckshot only during dog drive hunts.
- On either-sex deer hunts with dogs, all deer must be checked in by 1 hour after legal sunset.
- On all still gun and muzzleloader either-sex hunts for all Units, all does must be tagged with

an individual antlerless deer tag except when harvested on county-wide either-sex days.

Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Dec. 20, 27, and Jan. 1.

- No more than 8 deer total may be taken during gun and muzzleloader hunts.
- On youth deer hunts, only youths 17 and younger may carry a gun and must be accompanied by an adult 21 years old or older.

### Deer Archery: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-Hellhole WMA

Limit: 2 deer per day, Hogs no limit  
buck only Aug. 15-Sept. 13  
either-sex Sept. 15 - Sept. 30

### Deer Still Gun Hunts: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-Hellhole WMA

Limit: 2 deer per day, Hogs no limit  
either-sex Oct. 1-Jan. 1  
(No still hunting during scheduled dog drive hunts.)

### Deer Dog Drive Hunt: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-Hellhole WMA

Limit: 2 deer total  
buck only Dec. 6  
either-sex Dec. 12

### Youth only

either-sex Nov. 15  
• No still hunting and no rifles.  
• All deer must be checked at Hellhole check station on Dec. 12 only.

### Deer Dog Drive Hunt: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-Northampton WMA

Limit: 2 bucks per day; 2 deer per day on either-sex days, hogs-no limit  
buck only Sept. 27, Oct. 8-9, Nov. 21, Dec. 29  
either-sex Oct. 18

### Youth only

either-sex Jan. 3  
• All deer must be checked at P&C Grocery or Anglers in Jamestown on Oct. 18 only.

### Deer Still Gun Hunts: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-Northampton WMA

Limit: 2 deer per day, hogs-no limit  
buck only Aug. 15-Sept. 13  
either-sex Sept. 15-Jan. 1  
(No still hunting during scheduled dog drive hunts.)

### Deer Dog Drive Hunt: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-Santee WMA

Limit: 2 deer per day; 2 deer per day on either-sex days, hogs-no limit  
buck only Aug. 29-30, Oct. 22-23, Dec. 5  
either-sex Sept. 20

### Youth only

either-sex Oct. 4  
• All deer must be checked at Bonneau Ferry WMA entrance or M&B Alvin Com. Mart on Sept. 20.

### Deer Still Gun Hunts: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-Santee WMA

Limit: 2 deer per day, hogs-no limit  
buck only Aug. 15-Sept. 13

either-sex Sept. 15-Jan. 1  
(No still hunting during scheduled dog drive hunts.)

### Deer Archery: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-Wambaw WMA

#### Seewee special use area (No dogs)

Limit: 2 bucks per day;  
2 deer per day on either-sex days  
buck only Aug. 15-Sept. 13  
either-sex Sept. 15-Jan. 1

### Deer Dog Drive Hunt: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-Wambaw WMA

Limit: 2 bucks per day; Hogs-no limit  
2 deer per day on either-sex days,  
buck only Sept. 26, Nov. 12-13, Dec. 13, 26-27  
either-sex Nov. 1

### Youth only

either-sex Oct. 25  
• Still gun hunts only east of Hwy. 17. Rifles allowed.  
• All deer must be checked at Awendaw check station or Honey Hill Lookout Tower only on Nov. 1.

### Deer Still Gun Hunts: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-Wambaw WMA

Limit: 2 deer per day, Hogs-no limit  
buck only Aug. 15-Sept. 13  
either-sex Sept. 15-Jan. 1  
(No still gun hunting during scheduled dog drive hunts)  
• Rifles are allowed on still gun hunts.

### Deer Archery: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-Waterhorn WMA

#### Archery only

either-sex Sept. 24-Oct. 15  
2 deer per day, either-sex

### Deer Archery & Muzzleloader: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-Waterhorn WMA

Limit: 2 deer per day, Hogs-no limit  
either-sex Oct. 20-Nov. 1

### Still Gun Hunts: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-Waterhorn WMA

Limit: 2 bucks per day; Hogs-no limit  
2 deer per day on either-sex days,  
buck only Aug. 15-16, Sept. 5-6, 12-13, Nov. 14-15  
either-sex Dec. 1-6, Dec. 26-31

### Hog Hunts with dogs: Francis Marion Hunt Unit-Waterhorn WMA

Saturdays only Feb. 7, 21 no limit  
Wambaw WMA Feb. 14, 28, Mar. 7

- No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party. No still or stalk hunting permitted. 1 shotgun per party (buckshot only). Sidearms permitted. Hog hunters must have a hunting license, WMA permit, and are required to wear international orange color while hunting. Hogs may not be transported alive. Hogs taken must be brought to the check station and a data card completed.
- Hog hunters must sign a register at Elmwood Check Station upon entering and leaving Waterhorn WMA.
- Hog hunters must sign in and out at Honey

Hill Lookout Tower or Awendaw Check Station upon entering and leaving Wambaw WMA.

- Hunts are from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

#### **Small Game: Francis Marion Hunt Unit**

- Game Zone 6 private land seasons **except** quail limit 8 per day and no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1.
- Dogs are allowed during small game gun season only.
- Closed during scheduled deer and hog hunting periods on Waterhorn and when dogs are used on Wambaw, Northampton, Hellhole, and Santee WMAs.
- No fox hunting is allowed in the Francis Marion Hunt Unit.

#### **Bear Island WMA Colleton County**

- All hunters must sign in and out at the Bear Island office.
- Hunting in designated areas only.

#### **Archery:**

either-sex Oct. 3-4, 6-11 3 deer total  
hogs no limit

#### **Gun Hunts (Rifles only):**

- Still gun hunts by drawing only. See Wildlife Management Area Hunt Drawings on page 33.

#### **Party Hog Hunt with dogs:**

March 5-7, 2009 no limit  
Handguns only

- Hog hunters required to wear a hat, coat or vest of international orange while hunting. Hogs may not be taken from Bear Island alive and all hogs harvested must be checked at the check station.
- No more than 4 dogs per party.
- Gate opens at 5 am.

#### **Small Game:**

- No hog hunting during small game hunts.
- Hunters must sign in and out at the Bear Island office.
- Hunting in designated areas only.

#### **Dove:**

- Organized hunts only. Season and limits published in the Public Dove Fields List available in August.

#### **Quail:**

Feb. 3-24 12 per day  
(Tuesdays only)

#### **Raccoon & Opossum:**

Feb. 4 - Feb. 27 Game Zone 6 limits  
(Wed. & Fri. nights only)

#### **Other Small Game:**

Feb. 4-Feb. 28 Game Zone 6 limits  
(Wed. & Sat. only)

#### **Waterfowl:**

- Waterfowl hunts by drawing only. See Wildlife Management Area Hunt Drawings on page 33.

#### **Donnelley WMA Colleton County**

- Hunters must sign in and out at the check station.
- Hunting in designated areas only.
- Gates will open at 4:00 am for deer hunts.

- Open for archery scouting Sept. 30, Oct. 31, Nov. 29.

- Bucks must have a minimum 4 pts. on one side or a 12" minimum antler spread.
- Hogs can be taken during all deer hunts.
- Hog hunters are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of international orange.
- Hogs may not be taken alive, and all hogs harvested must be checked at the check station.
- No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party.

#### **Deer Archery:**

either-sex Oct. 1-Oct. 4, 4 deer per season.  
Nov. 1, Nov. 3-5 No more  
Dec. 1-5 than 2 bucks.

#### **Deer Gun Hunts:**

- Still gun hunts by drawing only. See Wildlife Management Area Hunt Drawings on page 32.

#### **Party Hog Hunts:**

with dogs Mar. 5-7, 2009 No limit  
Gate open at 5:00 am Handguns only

#### **Small Game:**

- No hog hunting during small game hunts.
- Hunters must sign in and out at the check station.
- Hunting in designated areas only.
- Gates will open at 6:00 am.

#### **Dove:**

- Organized hunts only. Season and limits published in the Public Dove Fields List available in August.

#### **Raccoon & Opossum:**

Dec. 9 - Jan. 27 3 per party per night  
(Tues. nights only) Opossum-no limit  
Feb. 3-27  
(Tues. & Fri. nights only)

#### **Other Small Game:**

Dec. 10 - Jan. 28 Game Zone 6 limits  
(Wed. only)  
Feb. 4-Feb. 28  
(Wed. & Sat. only)  
• Fox squirrels may not be hunted or taken at Donnelley WMA.

#### **Waterfowl:**

- Waterfowl hunts by drawing only. See Wildlife Management Area Hunt Drawings on page 33.

#### **Hatchery WMA Berkeley County**

##### **Deer Archery: Hatchery WMA**

**Limit:** 2 deer per day (8 deer total)

buck only Sept. 1-13

either-sex Sept. 15-Nov. 8

- Hatchery is closed to fishing each Saturday morning during waterfowl season and all day the last Saturday of waterfowl season.

#### **Bonneau Ferry WMA Berkeley Co.**

- Adult/Youth side open only to youth 17 and younger who must be accompanied by only one adult 21 years of age or older. Youth hunters must carry a firearm and hunt. Adults with youth hunters may also carry a firearm and hunt. Includes all big game and small game hunts.
- All hunters must sign in and sign out upon

entering and leaving any hunt on Bonneau Ferry WMA.

- All deer must be checked at the main entrance.
- Hunting access by boat is prohibited.
- Hogs (no limit) may be harvested during any scheduled hunt.
- No fox or bobcat hunting with dogs.
- Hunters may not enter WMA before 5:00 am.
- Limit 2 deer/day: total 8 deer for all hunts  
No more than 2 antlered deer

#### **Deer Archery: (Area B)**

buck only Sept. 1-6

either-sex Sept. 22-27, Nov. 10-29

#### **Deer Still Gun Hunts: (Area B)**

- No open season except for hunters selected by computer drawing (Sept. 25-27, Oct. 2-4, 9-11, 16-18, 23-25, 30 - Nov. 1).

#### **Deer Still Gun Hunts: Adult/Youth Only (Area A)**

either-sex Sept. 15-Jan. 1 (Wed., Fri., Sat. only) and Nov. 24-29, Dec. 20-Jan 1

#### **Small Game:**

- Shotguns must be plugged to hold no more than 3 shots.
- Quail Hunters must pick up, accurately fill out and return data card at the main entrance.
- No fox squirrel or fox hunting.

**Quail (Area B)** Feb 7, 21 Limit 8 quail  
per day

**Quail (Area A)** Feb 7, 21 Limit 8 quail  
Adult/youth only per day

#### **Other Small Game**

##### **Area A (Adult/youth) & Area B**

Jan. 2-Mar. 2 Game Zone 6 limits  
Except closed during quail hunts (Feb 7, 21)

##### **Raccoons and Opossum**

##### **Area A (Adult/youth) & Area B**

Jan. 3-Feb. 28 Game Zone 6 limits  
Tue. & Sat. nights only

#### **Santee Coastal WMA Charleston Co.**

##### **Deer Archery:**

**Limit:** 2 deer per day  
Hogs-no limit.

either-sex Nov. 3-8, 17-22

- Hunting is allowed on the mainland only at Santee Coastal WMA.
- Hunters must sign in and out and complete a data card on harvested deer.

##### **Deer Archery & Muzzleloader:**

either-sex Dec. 4-6 1 deer/day;  
hogs no limit

- No possession of handguns or sidearms during archery only hunts.

##### **Hog Hunts with dogs:**

- Feb. 12 & 26, Mar. 20 & 27. No limit, hand guns only, no more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party. Hogs may not be taken from Santee Coastal Reserve alive. All hogs must be checked at check station. Hog hunters must wear international orange.

##### **Small Game:**

##### **Quail:**

Jan. 21-Feb. 28 Limit 8 /day  
(Wed. & Sat. only)

### Other Small Game

Jan. 21-Feb. 28 Game Zone 6 limits  
(Wed. & Sat. only)

- Fox squirrels may not be hunted.

### Raccoons & Opossums:

Jan. 20-Feb. 27 Regular Game Zone 6 limits  
(Tues. & Fri. nights only)

### Dungannon Heritage Preserve WMA Charleston County

**Deer Archery: Dungannon WMA** (no dogs)  
either-sex Oct. 15-Dec. 1 2 deer per day  
total 8 deer per season

### Moultrie Hunt Unit Berkeley County

- Unless in an elevated stand, no hunting or shooting from, on, or across any road during gun hunts for deer.

- Hunters may not take more than 8 deer total from Moultrie Hunt Unit during gun hunts.

### Deer Gun Hunts: North Dike WMA

(no buckshot/no dogs)

**Limit:** 2 deer per day

**buck only** Aug. 15-Sept. 30

either-sex Oct. 1-25

- Individual antlerless tags are valid on days not designated as either-sex after Sept. 15.

### Deer Archery: Hall WMA *except* Cross

Station Special Use Area (no dogs)

**buck only** Sept. 1-13 2 bucks per day

either-sex Sept. 15-Jan. 1 2 deer per day

### Deer Gun Hunts: Greenfield WMA (no buckshot)

**buck only** Nov. 1-Jan. 1 2 per day

either-sex Nov. 6-8, Dec. 22-Jan. 1 2 per day

### Deer Gun Hunts: Bluefield WMA (no buckshot)

**buck only** Aug. 16-Sept. 13 2 deer per day  
(Wed. & Sat. only)

either-sex Sept. 17-Dec. 31 2 deer per day  
(Wed. & Sat. only)

- Open only to youth 17 years of age or younger accompanied by an adult at least 21 years of age. Youth hunters must carry a firearm and hunt. Adults may also carry a firearm and hunt.

### Deer Archery: Porcher WMA (no dogs)

**buck only** Sept. 1-13 2 deer per day

either-sex Sept. 15-Jan. 1 2 deer per day

### Moultrie Hunt Unit Berkeley County

(No open season on fox squirrels.)

**Quail 8 per day)**

### Small Game: Porcher WMA

Jan. 2 - March 1.

### Greenfield WMA

Sept. 1 - March 1.

### Bluefield WMA - (Adult/Youth Area only)

Sept. 1-Mar. 1

- Open only to youth 17 years of age or younger who must be accompanied by an adult at least 21 years of age. Youth hunters must carry a firearm and hunt. Adults may also carry a firearm and hunt.
- No small game hunting during scheduled deer hunts.

### Small Game: North Dike WMA

• Small Game seasons and limits on WMAs are the same as Game Zone 6 **except** quail 8 per day. No hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1.

- Closed to small game hunting Wed. and Fri. during Nov.-Dec. Sandy Beach Waterfowl Area open for Raccoon hunting Feb. 2-March 1.

### Small Game: Hall WMA

Jan. 2-Mar. 1 shotguns only

### Cross Station - Designated youth draw deer hunts only.

### Santee Cooper WMA Orangeburg County

- Quality Deer Management Area - bucks must have minimum 4 points on one side, or a minimum 12 inch antler spread, or be spikes with 2 points (see Regulation 4.1). Campground is open during scheduled deer hunts. Data cards required for hunter access. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving Santee Cooper WMA. Total 8 deer per season for all hunts combined. No more than 2 bucks.

### Deer Archery:

either-sex Oct. 6-11 2 deer per day  
no more than 1 buck per day

### Deer Muzzleloader and Archery:

either-sex Oct. 13-18, 2 deer per day  
Nov. 3-8, Dec. 8-13  
no more than 1 buck per day

### Small Game :

#### Dove:

- Designated fields on certain days. See Public Dove Fields List available in August.

### Small Game other than Dove: Santee Cooper WMA

Dec. 15-Feb. 28 Game Zone 6 limits  
Quail 8/day

#### Raccoon:

Fri. & Sat. Nights Only Dec. 19-Feb. 28

### Edisto River WMA Dorchester Co.

- Hunters may not take more than 8 deer total from Edisto River WMA for the season.

#### Archery:

either-sex Sept. 15-30 1 deer/day;  
hogs no limit

#### Muzzleloader:

either-sex Oct. 6-18 1 deer/day;  
hogs no limit

#### Still Gun Hunts:

**buck only** Oct. 20- Nov. 15 1 deer/day;  
hogs no limit

either-sex Nov. 1 1 deer/day;  
Nov. 7-8 hogs no limit  
Nov. 14-15

#### Small Game:

- Nov. 17 - Mar. 1 except rabbit season begins Nov. 22 Game zone 6 bag limits **except** quail - 8 per day.

### Canal WMA Berkeley County

#### Dove:

- Designated fields on certain days. See Public Dove Fields List available in August.


#### Quail only:

Nov. 26, 29, Dec. 10, 13, 24, 27 Limit 8/day  
Jan. 7, 10, 21, 24, Feb. 4, 7, 18, 21

- Quail hunters must pick up and return data cards at access points. Shotguns must be plugged so as not to hold more than 3 shells.

### Palachucola WMA Hampton & Jasper Counties

- All deer must be checked at check station.
- No hunting or shooting from, on, or any roads open to vehicular traffic.

		<b>Individual Antlerless Deer Tag Application</b>		Make check payable to SCDNR Mail to: SCDNR License Section PO Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202-0167	
See pages 30-31 for information. Tags not valid in Game Zone 1.					
<b>Applicant's Social Security</b>		<b>Applicant's Name</b>			
# - - - - -		_____/_____/_____ Last First MI Gender Race Date of Birth			
<b>Applicant's Address</b>				<b>County of Residence</b>	
Street or Box # City State Zip					
<b>Telephone</b>		<b>Driver's License No./State</b>		<b>Amount of Money Enclosed</b>	
- - - - -		- - - - -		(Circle One) 2 Tags - \$10 4 Tags - \$20	
I understand that persons whose recreational privileges are suspended are not eligible to apply for, hold, or use SCDNR recreational licenses, permits, stamps, or tags.					
Signature _____		Date _____			



- Bucks must have a minimum 4 points on one side or a minimum 12" antler spread.
- Hog hunters must sign in and out at the Webb Center and are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of international orange.
- Hogs may not be taken from Palachucola alive. All hogs taken must be checked at the Webb Center and have data cards completed.
- Hunters may camp at Palachucola camping area nights prior to and during deer, hog and turkey hunts only.
- Hogs may be taken during all deer hunts.
- Firearms must be unloaded and cased when not hunting.
- All deer hunters are required to sign in and out daily.

#### Deer Archery:

either-sex Sept. 24-Oct. 11 3 deer total

#### Deer Archery & Muzzleloader:

either-sex Dec. 18-20 3 deer total  
only 1 buck

#### Deer Gun Hunts:

- Still gun hunts by drawing only. See Wildlife Management Area Hunt Drawings on page 33.

#### Still & Stalk Hog Hunts: (No dogs)

- Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only.

Sept. 4-6, Mar. 19-21, No limit  
May 14-16 Archery & firearms

#### Hog Hunts: (With dogs)

handguns Sept. 11-13 No limit  
only Mar. 5-7, 12-14 No limit

- No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party.
- No hog hunting during small game hunts.
- No hunting or shooting from or on any roads open to vehicular traffic.
- Firearms must be unloaded and cased when not hunting.

#### Small Game:

- Private land seasons and limits apply **except**, no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1 and no small game hunting on Sept. 24-Oct. 11,

Oct. 16-18, 23-25, 30, Nov. 1, Nov. 13-15, 20-22, Dec. 4-6, 18-20.

**Quail:** Jan. 10, 14, 24, 28 8 per day  
Feb. 4, 7, 18, 21

- Quail hunters must pick up and return data cards at kiosk.
- Fox squirrels may not be hunted at Palachucola WMA.

#### St. Helena Sound HP WMA Beaufort and Colleton Counties

- Hunting and camping by special permit which may be obtained at McKenzie Field Station, Bennetts Point, 843-844-8822.

#### Deer Archery:

**Ashe, Beet, Warren, Big & South Williman Islands**

either-sex Oct. 1-Jan. 1 3 deer total  
1 per day, hogs

#### Otter Island

either-sex Nov. 1-29 2 deer total  
1 per day, hogs

#### Raccoon: (nights only)

Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28

#### Tillman Sand Ridge HP WMA Jasper County

- All deer must be checked at check station.
- All reptiles and amphibians are protected.

#### Deer Archery:

either-sex Oct. 31-Nov. 15 2 deer total

#### Deer Archery & Muzzleloader:

buck only Dec. 12-20 2 deer total  
either-sex Dec. 12-13, 19-20

#### Small Game:

- No hog hunting during small game hunts.
- Private land seasons and limits apply **except**, no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1 and no small game hunting during scheduled deer hunts
- Fox squirrels may not be hunted at Tillman Sand Ridge HP WMA.

#### Turtle Island WMA Jasper County

- Waterfowl hunting is open on Wed. & Sat. during the waterfowl season.
- Marsh hen hunting is open during the marsh hen season.
- Other small game hunting is closed.

#### Victoria Bluff HP WMA Beaufort County

- All deer must be checked at check station.

#### Deer Archery: Victoria Bluff HP WMA

either-sex Oct. 2-4, 9-11 3 deer total  
16-18, 23-25 per hunt period  
Nov. 7-15  
Dec. 5-13

#### Small Game:

- Shotguns only (no shot larger than No. 2)
- Private land, small game seasons and limits apply **except**, no hunting before Oct. 15 or after Jan. 31 and no small game hunting during scheduled deer hunts.
- Fox squirrels may not be hunted at Victoria Bluff WMA.

#### James W. Webb WMA Hampton County

- Bucks must have a minimum 4 points on one side or a minimum 12" antler spread.
- Hog hunters must sign in and out at the Webb Center and are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of international orange.
- Hogs may not be taken from Webb WMA alive. All hogs taken must be checked at the Webb Center and have data cards completed.
- No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party.
- Hunters may camp at Bluff Lake the night prior to hog and turkey hunts only.

#### Deer Gun Hunts:

- Still gun hunts by drawing only. See Wildlife Management Area Hunt Drawings on page 33.

#### Still & Stalk Hog Hunts: (No dogs)

- Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only.

## Thanks to Landowners

Landowners providing their land for public hunting and recreation are due much appreciation from SCDNR and all outdoor enthusiasts. Without these lands, public hunting as provided in this state would be impossible. Sportsmen seeing the yellow and black diamond-shaped signs designating WMA boundaries should remember they are hunting as guests of the landowner and be respectful of this privilege.

U. S. Forest Service .....	629,906	Plum Creek .....	4,906	York County .....	1,643
SC Department of Natural Resources .....	220,667	Teredo Timber .....	3,828	Jordan Properties .....	851
SC Forestry Commission .....	90,301	TIAA Timberlands II (Hancock Forest Mgt.) .....	3,833	Upstate Forever .....	560
Crescent Resources .....	8,855	American Timberland II (RMK) .....	2,991	Elizabeth and Thaddeus Thomas .....	594
SC Public Service Authority (Santee) .....	22,738	Georgia Power Company .....	3,336	Lavinia B. George .....	569
Department of Transportation .....	10,877	Wachovia Bank (Brown Trust) .....	3,252	City of Walhalla .....	439
Clemson University .....	11,265	SC Public Ser. Auth. (Pee Dee) .....	1,514	Kennecott Mine .....	290
Department of Energy .....	10,470	Corps of Engineers (Santee) .....	2,465	City of Clinton .....	276
American Forest Management .....	15,001	Knightwood (Hancock Forest Mgt.) .....	1,468	Brown Family Partnership & Jack L. Brown ....	120
SCPRT .....	7,571	Springland, Inc. .....	1,695	Commission of Public Works (Greer) .....	100
Corps of Engineers (Thurmond Res.) .....	6,018	Carolina Power & Light .....	1,036	Mary L. Phillips .....	117
S.C. Electric & Gas Company .....	5,296	SC Conf. Bd. of Camps & Retreats .....	1,249	William & Joab Lesesne .....	92
Timber-Lands L.P. ....	1,903	Duke Energy .....	1,858	<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>1,080,162</b>

Sept. 4-6, Mar. 19-21 No limit  
May 14-16

### Hog Hunts: (With dogs)

handguns Sept. 11-13 No limit  
only Mar. 5-7, 12-14 No limit

### Dove:

• Organized hunts only. Seasons and limits published in Public Dove Field list available in August.

**Quail:** Jan. 10, 14, 24, 28 8 per day  
Feb. 4, 7, 18, 21

• Quail hunters must pick up and return data cards at kiosk.

### Other Small Game:

• Private land seasons and limits apply except, no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1 and no small game hunting or fishing on Mon. & Fri. afternoons and evenings or on Tues. & Sat. mornings from Sept. 14-Dec. 31

• Fox squirrels may not be hunted at James W. Webb WMA.

### Hamilton Ridge WMA Hampton County

- Firearms must be unloaded and cased when not hunting.
- Hogs may not be taken from Hamilton Ridge alive.
- Bucks must have a minimum 4 points on one side or a minimum 12" antler spread.
- No more than 3 bucks total may be taken during all seasons combined regardless of method.
- Hogs can be taken during all deer hunts.
- Scouting and stand placement allowed 1 day prior to hunts.
- All hunters must sign-in and sign-out.
- No ATVs allowed on area.
- Hog hunters are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of solid international orange while hunting.
- Hunters may camp at designated campground one day prior to and during deer, hog and turkey hunts.

### Gun Hunts:

• Still gun hunts by drawing only. See Wildlife Management Area Hunt Drawings on page 33.

### Deer Archery:

either-sex Sept. 15-20 2 deer per hunt  
Oct. 27-Nov. 1 period,  
Nov. 10-15 only 1 of which  
Dec. 11-13 can be a buck

### Deer Muzzleloader & Archery:

either-sex Nov. 3-8 2 deer per hunt  
period,  
only 1 may be a buck

### Hog Hunts:

with dogs Sept. 11-13  
March 5-7 No limit,  
March 12-14 handguns only  
• no more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party



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### Still & Stalk Hog Hunts:

• Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only.

no dogs Sept. 4-6 No limit  
No March 19-21 Archery &  
buckshot May 14-16 firearms

• No hog hunting during small game hunts.

• Fox squirrels may not be hunted at Hamilton Ridge WMA.

• Firearms must be unloaded and cased when not hunting.

• No hunting or shooting from or on any roads open to vehicular traffic.

- All hunters must sign-in and sign-out.
- Private land seasons and limits apply except no hunting before Dec. 26 or after Mar. 1.

**Quail:** Jan. 10, 14, 24, 28 8 per day  
Feb. 4, 7, 18, 21

• Quail hunters must pick up and return data cards at kiosk.

Game Zone 6 limits

### Old Island HP

### Beaufort County

### Deer Archery:

either-sex Sept. 15-Jan. 1 2 deer total,  
1 deer per day

# Hog Hunting Seasons for WMAs and Heritage Preserves

Feral hog hunting on WMAs is permitted during any open season for game unless otherwise restricted (see specific WMAs). A hunting license and a WMA permit is required and hunters are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of solid international orange color while hunting. Hogs may not be transported alive. Hogs may not be hunted at night. On WMA lands, weapons used to hunt hogs are limited to the weapons that are allowed for the current open season on each WMA. On Special Hog Still Gun Hunts, weapons may include archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only except as specified for certain WMAs. For Special Hog Hunts with Dogs, no more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party, no still or stalk hunting and only handguns permitted except as specified for certain WMAs.

Swine brucellosis is caused by a bacteria and is primarily a reproductive tract disease in wild pigs that can be transmitted to humans. Infections are manifest by flu-like symptoms including fever, headaches, muscle and joint soreness and weakness. The fatality rate in humans is very low, but the disease often is prolonged and debilitating. Humans have contracted swine brucellosis from handling and dressing wild swine. This disease is present in many wild hog populations in SC. Persons dressing wild swine should take the following precautions: 1) use disposable rubber gloves and protective eyeglasses while dressing the carcass 2) minimize handling of the reproductive tracts of both sexes 3) dispose of waste parts by burying or burning 4) clean up with hot water and soap after processing and 5) cook meat thoroughly to 160 degrees F prior to eating.

Game Zn	Area	County	Still Hunting	Special Hunts with Dogs
1	Caesars Head St. Nat. Area	Greenville	During open season for game (Game Zn 1 - Sept. 1 - March 1) (no dogs Oct. 1 - Dec. 22)	
1	Chauga	Western Oconee	During open season for game (Game Zn 1 - Sept. 1 - March 1) (no dogs Oct. 1 - Dec. 22)	
1	Gravelly	Oconee, Pickens, Anderson	During open season for game (Game Zn 1 - Sept. 1 - March 1) (no dogs Oct. 1 - Dec. 22)	
1	Jocassee Gorges	Pickens	During open season for game (Game Zn 1 - Sept. 1 - March 1) (no dogs Oct. 1 - Dec. 22)	
1	Ashmore HP	Greenville	During open season for game (Game Zn 1 - Sept. 1 - March 1) (no dogs Oct. 1 - Dec. 22)	
1	Brasstown Creek HP	Oconee	During open season for game (Game Zn 1 - Sept. 1 - March 1) (no dogs Oct. 1 - Dec. 22)	
1	Buzzard Roost HP	Oconee	During open season for game (Game Zn 1 - Sept. 1 - March 1) (no dogs Oct. 1 - Dec. 22)	
1	Chestnut Ridge HP	Greenville	During open season for game (Game Zn 1 - Sept. 1 - March 1) (no dogs Oct. 1 - Dec. 22)	
1	Wadlakoe Mountain HP	Pickens	During open season for game (Game Zn 1 - Sept. 1 - March 1) (no dogs Oct. 1 - Dec. 22)	
1	Watson-Cooper HP	Greenville	During open season for game (Game Zn 1 - Sept. 1 - March 1) (no dogs Oct. 1 - Dec. 22)	
3	Crackmeck	Aiken	During deer hunts	Jan. 2 through February 27 (Fridays only)
4	Marsh	Marion	During deer hunts; and Nov. 17-22, Mar. 2-21	March 2-5
4	Little Pee Dee River Comp.	Marion	During deer hunts; and Mar. 6-21	February 2-14
4	Woodbury WMA	Marion	During deer hunts; and Mar. 2 - 21	March 7 and 14
4	Cartwheel Bay HP	Horry	During deer hunts (archery only)	
4	Waccamaw River	Horry	During deer hunts	
5	Manchester SF	Sumter	During deer hunts	
5	Samworth	Georgetown	During deer hunts; and Mar. 5-7, 26-28 (elevated stands only) shotguns with slugs, muzzleloaders	
5	Sandy Island	Georgetown	During archery only deer hunts (Oct. 1 - Nov. 29)	
5	Great Pee Dee	Darlington	During deer hunts; and Dec. 1-20, Feb. 2-14	
5	Santee Dam	Clarendon	Archery Sept. 1-Mar. 1, Muzzleloader Sept. 15-Mar. 1	March 21 and March 28
5	Santee-Delta	Georgetown	During deer hunts; and Mar. 18-20 (elevated stands only) shotguns with slugs, muzzleloaders	March 6-8
6	Bear Island	Colleton	During deer hunts - October	March 6-8
6	Bonneau Ferry	Berkeley	During deer hunts	
6	Donnelley	Colleton	During deer hunts	
6	Edisto River	Dorchester	During deer hunts (Sept. 15 - 3rd Sat. in Nov.)	
6	Francis Marion Nat. Forest			
	Hellhole	Berkeley	During archery and still gun deer hunts (bet. Aug. 15 & Jan. 1)	
	Waterhorn	Berkeley	During archery and still gun deer hunts (bet. Sept. 24 & Jan. 1)	Feb. 7, 21 (handguns, shotguns, buckshot only)
	Wambaw	Berkeley	During still gun deer hunts (bet. Aug. 15 & Jan. 1)	Feb. 14, 28, Mar. 7 (handguns, shotguns, buckshot only)
	Northampton	Berkeley	During still gun deer hunts (bet. Aug. 15 & Jan. 1)	
	Santee	Berkeley	During still gun deer hunts (bet. Aug. 15 & Jan. 1)	
6	Santee Coastal	Charleston, Georgetown	During deer hunts	Feb. 12, 26, Mar. 20, 27
6	Webb	Hampton	During deer hunts and Sept. 4-6 Mar. 19-21, May 14-16	Sept. 11-13, Mar. 5-7, 12-14
6	Hamilton Ridge	Hampton	During deer hunts and Sept. 4-6 Mar. 19-21, May 14-16	Sept. 11-13, Mar. 5-7, 12-14
6	Palachuola	Hampton, Jasper	During deer hunts and Sept. 4-6 Mar. 19-21, May 14-16	Sept. 11-13, Mar. 5-7, 12-14
6	Yawkey	Georgetown	Periodic announced hunts	



# Special DNR Hunts For Youth and the Mobility Impaired

Youth Hunts	Age	Date	Location	Contact Info.
Turkey	17 & younger	March 28, 2009	Private Lands Statewide; <b>Turkey tags required.</b> All WMA's normally open to turkey hunting except: Bear Island, Donnelley, Keowee, Santee Coastal Reserve, Santee Cooper, Hatchery Waterfowl Area, Bonneau Ferry	
Raccoon		Sept. 6, 2008	Private Lands Only	
Squirrel		Sept. 27, 2008	Private Lands Only	
Quail		Nov. 22, 2008	Private Lands Only	
Rabbit		March 7, 2009	Private Lands Only	
Deer		Jan. 3, 2009 Limit 2 deer, either sex; no tags required	Private Lands Statewide; All WMA's normally open to deer hunting except: Bear Island, Crackerneck, Donnelley, Draper, Fant's Grove, Keowee, McBee, Palachucola, Santee Coastal Reserve, Santee Cooper, Hatchery, Webb, Bonneau Ferry and Hamilton Ridge	
Adult/Youth Dove		Sept. 1	Pickens Co.	Pre-registration required. Call Region 1 DNR 864-654-1671 ext. 16 (Clemson office) Applications available in July. Youth must be accompanied by adult 21 years old.
Adult/Youth Dove		Sept. 1	Abbeville Co. USFS	Pre-registration required beginning August 7, deadline Aug. 17. Call DNR office 864-223-2731. (Greenwood office) Youth must be accompanied by adult 21 years old.
Adult/Youth Dove		Sept. 1	Union County USFS	Pre-registration required beginning July 1, deadline August 15. Call DNR office 864-427-5140. Youth must be accompanied by adult at least 21 years old.
Adult/Youth Dove		Sept. 1	Newberry County USFS	Pre-registration required beginning Aug 1, deadline August 17. Call DNR office 803-734-3898. Youth must be accompanied by adult at least 21 years old.
Adult/Youth Dove		Sept. 1	Draper WMA York Co.	Pre-registration required beginning July 1, deadline Aug. 17. Youth must be accompanied by adult at least 21 years old. Call DNR office 864-427-5140.
Adult/Youth Dove		Sept. 1	Manchester State Forest	Applications available in August. Region 3 DNR 803-734-3898
Adult/Youth Dove		Sept. 1	Oconee Co.	Pre-registration required. Call Region 1 DNR 864-654-1671 ext. 16 (Clemson office) Applications available in July. Youth must be accompanied by adult 21 years old.
Adult/Youth Dove		Sept. 1	Santee Cooper WMA Orangeburg Co.	For information, call Region 3 DNR 803-734-3898
Adult/Youth Dove		Sept. 1	Santee Dam Clarendon Co.	For information, call Region 3 DNR 803-734-3898
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt		Nov. 1	Poinsett Gunnery Range Sumter Co.	Applications available in September. Region 3 DNR 803-734-3898 or download application from DNR website.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt		Oct. 18	Laura Lyn Farm Union Co.	Region 1 DNR 864-427-5140. Call or write for application or download application from DNR website.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt		Nov. 15	10 Point Hunt Club Spartanburg Co.	Region 1 DNR 864-427-5140. Call or write for application or download application from DNR website.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt		Oct. 4	Fant's Grove WMA	Applications available in early Aug. Call Clemson office at 864-654-1671 ext. 16 or download application from DNR website.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt		Oct. 18	100 Oaks Plantation York County	Applications available in mid-August. Call DNR office 864-427-5140 or download application from DNR website.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt		Selected days Oct.-Dec.	Moultrie Hunt Unit	Applications available August 20 through September 20. Call Dennis Wildlife Center at 843-825-3388 or 843-761-8820.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt		Oct. 11, 25 Nov. 1, Dec 6	Samworth WMA	Applications available Sept. 803-734-3898 or download application from DNR website.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt		Oct. 3-4 Nov. 14-15	Tibwin (Francis Marion Hunt Unit)	Applications available early September. Call U.S. Forest Service at 843-887-3258.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt		Dec. 13	Clinton House Plantation, Laurens Co.	Region 1 DNR 864-427-5140. Call or write for application or download application from DNR website.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt		Nov. 8	Yelton Farm Spartanburg Co.	Region 1 DNR 864-427-5140. Call or write for application or download application from DNR website.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt		Selected days Nov.-Dec.	Mead Westvaco Orangeburg Co.	Applications available in Sept. Region 3 DNR 803-734-3898 or download application from DNR website.
Adult/youth deer, turkey and small game		See page 46	Bluefield WMA	Bluefield WMA is open only to youth 17 and younger who must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older. Adult may hunt also. See page 52 for restrictions, dates and limits. For more information, call Dennis Wildlife Center at 843-825-3388.
Ad/youth deer, sm gm		See page 45	Bonneau Ferry Area A	See page 52 for restrictions, dates. For information call Dennis Wildlife Center 843-825-3388.
Youth Only raccoon		October	Darlington Co.	Contact Columbia DNR office for information at 803-734-3609.
Youth Only raccoon		November	Edgefield Co.	Contact Columbia DNR office for information at 803-734-3609.
Youth Only raccoon		November	Union Co.	Contact Columbia DNR office for information at 803-734-3609.
Youth Only raccoon		November	Georgetown Co.	Contact Columbia DNR office for information at 803-734-3609.
Youth Only raccoon		December	Pickens, Oconee & Anderson	Applications available Sept. For more information, contact the Clemson DNR office at 864-654-1671 ext. 16.
Youth Only raccoon		January 2009	Orangeburg County	For applications call Region 3 DNR 803-734-3898. Applications due before the first Saturday in Jan.
Youth Only raccoon		January 2009	Colleton Co.	Contact Columbia DNR office for information at 803-734-3609.
S.C. Youth Raccoon Hunting Championship		Feb. 2009	Webb WMA	Participants are selected by regional Qualifying hunts. For more information, call the Furbearer Project at 803-734-3609 or Webb WMA at 803-625-3569.
Draw adult/youth turkey		Saturdays in April	Santee Cooper, Donnelley, Bonneau Ferry	WMA Turkey applications available in late February. Call Columbia office at 803-734-3886. Applications due in March.

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## Special DNR Hunts For Youth and the Mobility Impaired continued from page 57

Mobility Impaired Hunts	Date	Location	Sponsor/Contact Info.
Draw Adult/Youth Waterfowl	Sat. during season.	Donnelley & Bonneau Ferry WMAs	Applications available in October. Call Columbia office at 803-734-3609.
Deer	Oct.24-25 Dec. 5-6	Tibwin, Charleston Co.	U.S. Forest Service & SCDNR. Call USFS McClellanville 843-887-3257.
Deer	Oct. 24-25 Fri.-pm/Sat.-am	Upstate Private Areas Cherokee, Spartanburg & Union counties	Campbell Property, BD Properties, Longbeard Timber Co., Cow Ford Land Co., Comer Farm LLC & Hunt Club, Bull Run Hunt Club, Keller Property, Wylie Fork Creek LLC, Jimmie's Creek Farm, Tri G Gun Club, Beulah Creek Hunt Club, U.S. Sportsman's Club, Tyger Ranch, Padgett's Creek Hunting Reserve, Rabbit Road Hunt Club, Badlands Hunt Club, Trophy Buck Hunt Club, Laura Lyn Farm, Triangle 113 Farm & SCDNR Region 1, 864-427-5140
Deer	Oct. 31-Nov. 1 Fri.-pm/Sat.-am	Upstate Private Areas Laurens, Newberry, counties	Quaker Creek Farm, Pitts Place, Woollen Farm, Carroll Hunt Club, Southern Timber Assoc., Clinton House Plantation, Blackmon Farm, Fuller Gray Farm, Sugar Flat Hunt Club, Sundowner Farm, Riveroak Properties, Enoree River Hunt Club, LPW Hunt Club, Triple S Hunt Club, Belfast Hunt Club, The Scott Place (TCA Timberlands), Mudlick, Loftis Hunt Club, Hawk's Nest Hunt Club, Hurricane Hunt Club & SCDNR Region 1, 864-427-5140.
Deer	Dec. 12-13 (Fri.-pm/Sat.-am)	Webb Wildlife Center Hampton County	SCDNR. Call SCDNR Webb Center 803-625-3569.

*Note: Eligibility requirements for mobility impaired deer hunts at these locations are as follows: Persons permanently confined to a wheelchair, persons permanently requiring the use of mechanical aids (crutches, walkers, and etc.) to walk or persons with complete single or double leg amputations.*

# Wildlife Diseases

[www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/deer/chronicwasting.html](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/deer/chronicwasting.html)

## Chronic Wasting Disease

Chronic Wasting Disease or CWD is a Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE) that affects deer and elk. TSE's are fatal neurological diseases characterized by degeneration of the brain. CWD attacks the central nervous system and presents symptoms including extreme weight loss, excessive salivation and urination, odd behavior and poor coordination. The disease is infectious, communicable and always fatal. CWD has a prolonged incubation period and no current test exists to detect the disease in live animals. Diagnosis requires examination of the brain or lymph nodes.

The CWD agent is believed to be a prion, a mutated protein that causes normal proteins in the body to fold abnormally, which causes sponge-like holes in the brain. It is not known exactly how CWD is spread, but it is believed that the agent may be spread both by direct animal-to-animal contact and indirectly by contact with a previously contaminated surface, such as the soil.

There is no indication that CWD of deer and elk can be transmitted between species other than cervids (deer family), and both the World Health Organization and federal Centers for Disease Control have indicated that there is currently no indication that the disease can infect humans.

Although the disease has not been diagnosed

in South Carolina, it has been found in the following states: Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming and the Canadian provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. Hunters traveling to these states should only bring the following carcass parts into South Carolina: quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached; meat that has been boned out; hides with no heads attached; clean (no meat or tissue attached) skulls or skull plates with antlers attached; antlers (detached from the skull plate); clean upper canine teeth, also called "buglers," "whistlers" or "ivories," and finished taxidermy heads.

Surveillance conducted by DNR on approximately 2,000 deer over the last 5 years continues to provide no evidence of CWD in SC. South Carolina should continue to have low risk for CWD for two reasons. First, South Carolina is geographically far from any known CWD. Second, there is evidence that movements of deer/elk for commercial purposes may have played a role in the spread of CWD, and DNR has historically had a closed-door policy on importation of cervids for commercial purposes like deer farming or ranching. Please, do not tolerate illegal activity or behavior that threatens your hunting tradition. You can proactively protect South Carolina's deer population by reporting illegal importation of deer or elk by calling 1-800-922-5431.

## Avian Influenza

Avian Influenza (AI) is a Type A influenza virus that naturally occurs in certain types of waterfowl and shorebirds around the world. Recently, a highly pathogenic AI has been found in domestic and wild birds in Asia, parts of Europe and North Africa. In these cases there has been significant mortality in infected birds, and humans have become sick from handling the sick birds. Most alarming is the fact that the death rate among the infected humans has been extremely high, averaging about 50%. At this time the experts believe that this is still primarily a bird disease, and the transmission of the virus from birds to humans does not occur easily. The documented human cases have been associated with close contact with infected poultry and wild birds.

The good news is that extensive sampling of domestic and wild birds has been done in North America including South Carolina. To this date, the virus creating the problems in other parts of the world has not been found on this continent. The SCDNR will continue to monitor shorebirds and waterfowl for the occurrence of this, and similar, viruses.

There is no need to panic. It is uncertain how this virus will move and change over time. Hunters should always pay attention to wildlife while afield. Report only multiple dead bird findings to SCDNR, except for birds of prey, as single dead birds are usually the result of various natural causes. Hunters should continue to hunt, take and dress game, cook it properly and eat it. All game should be dressed very soon after harvest and those dressing game should wear protective gear like rubber gloves and eye glasses. All game should be cooked to an internal temperature of at least 160 degrees Fahrenheit.



# LIFETIME RECREATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE APPLICATION



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Lifetime Licenses are only available to South Carolina residents. For the purpose of applying for a Lifetime License "resident" means any person who is a citizen of the United States and who has been a domiciled (permanent) resident of the state of South Carolina for a period of 180 consecutive days or more immediately prior to the date of application for license. **A legible photocopy of a South Carolina driver's license or South Carolina Identification Card must accompany this application.** (Ownership of property or payment of property taxes or both does not necessarily constitute residency.)

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENCE Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_, SC Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_, SC Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
(If different than street address)

SOCIAL SECURITY NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ The disclosure of your social security number is required to obtain South Carolina hunting and fishing licenses. This complies with SC Code of Laws 20-7-949 and Federal law 42 USCA 666(a)(2003), which requires a licensing agency to provide this information to the Child Support Enforcement Unit of the Department of Social Services to establish, modify, and enforce child support orders.

## RECREATIONAL LICENSE TYPES

☐ Lifetime Freshwater Fishing License..... \$300.00

☐ Lifetime Saltwater Fishing License..... \$300.00

☐ Lifetime State Hunting License (Small Game Only) ..... \$300.00

Lifetime Combination Licenses (Freshwater Fishing, State Hunting and Big Game)

☐ Under 2 years of age (Copy of birth certificate and parent's SC Driver's License required) ..... \$300.00

☐ Age 2 to under 16 years of age (Copy of birth certificate and parent's SC Driver's License required)..... \$400.00

☐ Age 16 to under 64 years of age ..... \$500.00

Lifetime Combination License Saltwater Fishing Privilege Add-On

☐ Under 2 years of age (Copy of birth certificate and parent's SC Driver's License required) ..... \$120.00

☐ Age 2 to under 16 years of age (Copy of birth certificate and parent's SC Driver's License required)..... \$160.00

☐ Age 16 to under 64 years of age ..... \$200.00

☐ Lifetime Senior License (64 years of age or older) ..... \$9.00

Do you plan to fish in saltwater? Yes ☐ No ☐ ☐ I request a commemorative State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp

☐ Gratis License (Available only to residents born on or before 7/1/1940) ..... NO COST

Do you plan to fish in saltwater? Yes ☐ No ☐ ☐ I request a commemorative State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp

**Lifetime Senior License and Gratis License privileges include State Hunting, Freshwater Fishing, Saltwater Fishing, Big Game, Wildlife Management Areas, State Migratory Waterfowl Permit.**

☐ Migratory Bird Permit (Must be renewed each year to hunt migratory birds) ..... NO COST

**If you are hunting migratory birds in South Carolina this season, you must complete the following HIP Survey questions:**

If you hunted migratory birds last season in SC, complete the following for each species:

**SPECIES:** Dove Duck\* Geese\* Woodcock Coot/Snipe Marsh Hens/Gallinules

Did not hunt in SC \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity bagged in SC \_\_\_\_\_

\*To hunt migratory waterfowl (duck, geese or brant) hunters must possess a State Migratory Waterfowl Permit and a Federal Duck Stamp.

## HUNTER EDUCATION CERTIFICATION

Hunter Education is required for persons applying for licenses with hunting privileges born after June 30, 1979. If you have completed a Hunter Education course, show state and Hunter Education number.

HUNTER EDUCATION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ STATE OF ISSUE \_\_\_\_\_

*I affirm that I am not under suspension for any natural resources violation and I am eligible to apply for, hold, and use the above SCDNR licenses and permits and that the information provided above is true and correct.*

Signature of Applicant/Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of Check \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE & MAIL TO: South Carolina Wildlife Endowment Fund, PO Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202-0167.**

Any personal information, collected by SCDNR for licenses, watercraft titles and registrations, except social security number, driver's license number, gender and race, is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. However, if released, state law prohibits the use of this information for solicitation or commercial purposes.

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# DISABILITY RECREATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE APPLICATION



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Disability Licenses are only available to South Carolina residents. For the purpose of applying for a Disability License, "resident" means any person who is a citizen of the United States and who has been a domiciled (permanent) resident of the state of South Carolina for a period of one year or more immediately prior to the date of application for license. **A legible photocopy of a South Carolina driver's license or South Carolina Identification Card must accompany this application.** (Ownership of property or payment of property taxes or both does not necessarily constitute residency.)

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENCE Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_, SC Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_, SC Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
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SOCIAL SECURITY NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ The disclosure of your social security number is required to obtain South Carolina hunting and fishing licenses. This complies with SC Code of Laws **20-7-949** and Federal law **42 USCA 666(a)(2003)**, which requires a licensing agency to provide this information to the Child Support Enforcement Unit of the Department of Social Services to establish, modify, and enforce child support orders.

## DISABILITY CERTIFICATION

Any person who has been a domiciled resident of South Carolina for at least one year and who is determined to be **totally disabled** under one of the programs listed below, may obtain a statewide fishing and hunting license or statewide fishing license at **NO COST**. It is valid only for **three years** from date of issue and disability recertification will be required for renewal. Check the program below that has certified you as totally disabled and attach a current year copy of such agency certification to this form, SC Code of Law, Sec. 50-9-510 (16).

Application forms received without such documentation will be returned to the applicant.

\_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Administration\* \_\_\_\_\_ US Dept. of Veterans Affairs \_\_\_\_\_ Railroad Retirement Board  
\_\_\_\_\_ SC State Retirement System \_\_\_\_\_ Federal Civil Service \_\_\_\_\_ Medicaid Assistance

\*If you are currently receiving disability benefits from Social Security, please attach a current copy of your Benefits Verification Statement to this application. You may request the Benefits Verification Statement from Social Security by calling toll free 1-800-772-1213.

## RECREATIONAL LICENSE TYPES

Applicant for: ☐ 3 Year Disability License or ☐ Lifetime Disability License (Paraplegia or Quadriplegia)\*  
\* Certification of Paraplegia or Quadriplegia is required

☐ Hunting and Fishing License (Valid for State Hunting, Big Game, Wildlife Management Areas, State Migratory Waterfowl Permit, Freshwater Fishing and Saltwater Fishing. Hunter Education certification must be completed if born after June 30, 1979.)

Do you plan to fish in saltwater? Yes ☐ No ☐ ☐ I request a commemorative State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp

☐ Fishing License (Valid for Freshwater Fishing and Saltwater Fishing.)

Do you plan to fish in saltwater? Yes ☐ No ☐

☐ Hunting Privilege Add-On to Current Disability Fishing License (For active Fishing License holders who were born after June 30, 1979 and want to grade to the Hunting and Fishing License. Hunter Education certification must be completed.)

☐ I request a commemorative State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp

☐ MIGRATORY BIRD PERMIT (Must be renewed each year to hunt migratory birds) ..... NO COST

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Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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